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Last year, the Prescott Public Library sponsored an event about comics for kids. Following is a correspondence from our friend, Russ Miller:

The Prescott ConneXion is a rather unique facility. It is a fully functioning library, located in a large, new shopping center called The Gateway Mall in Prescott, Arizona. Throughout the year, various public events are scheduled at this satellite of Prescott Public Library.

Last year we hosted a comic book seminar where the process of comic book production was demonstrated, and some comic book artists voluntarily attended to answer questions and give away a variety of your fine Disney comics. In 2004, it was the best-attended program we produced all year! We made at least 100 kids very happy with giveaways of *Donald Duck and Friends, Mickey Mouse and Friends,* and *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories.* It was lots of fun, and hugs were common. The parents were also full of sighs and nostalgic praise, proving once again the magic of Disney products. We plan on doing a similar program again the first part of 2005, and we will let you know how it goes. I imagine it will be even more successful given the popularity of the first event. Thanks for producing such a classic group of books.

—Russell L. Miller
Branch Manager – The Prescott ConneXion

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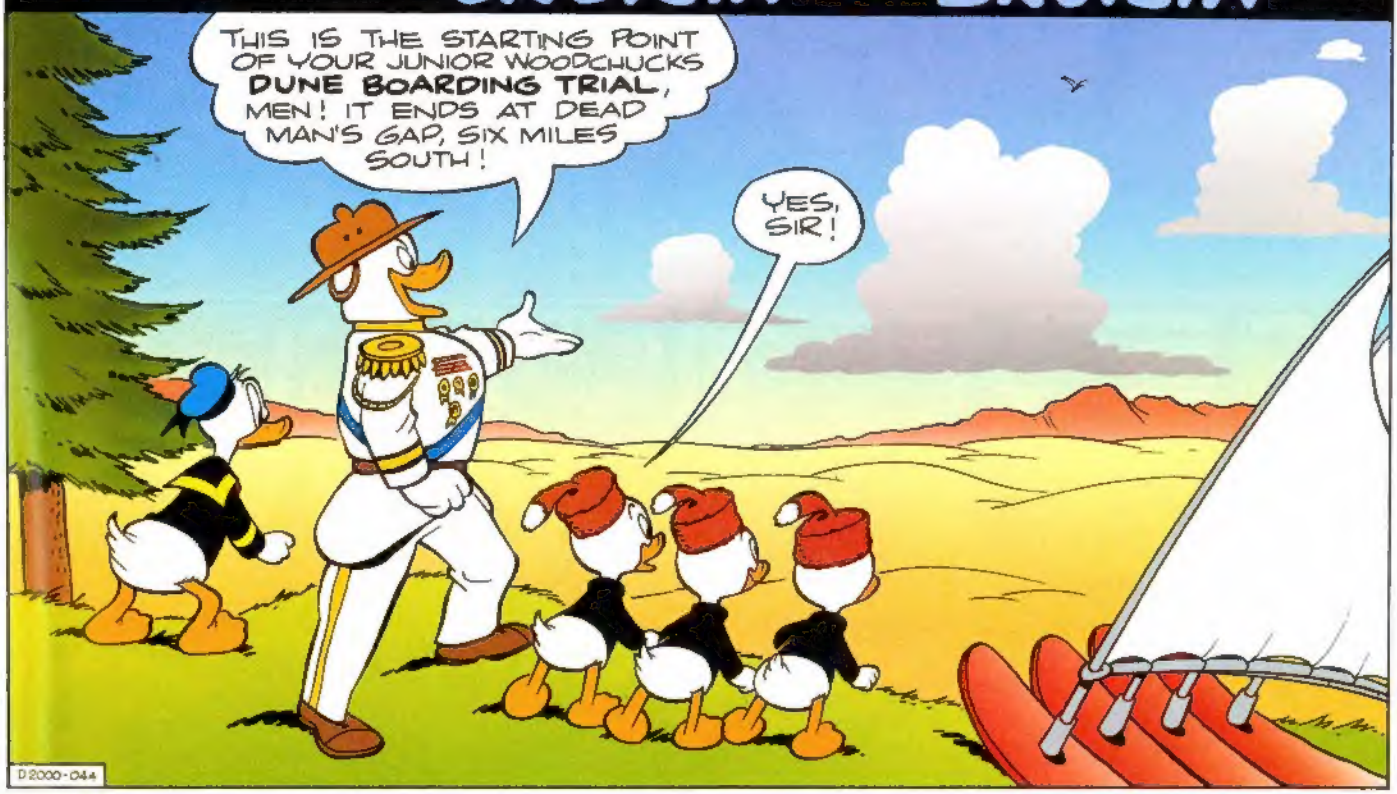
THIS IS THE STARTING POINT OF YOUR JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS **DUNE BOARDING TRIAL**, MEN! IT ENDS AT DEAD MAN'S GAP, SIX MILES SOUTH!
YES, SIR!
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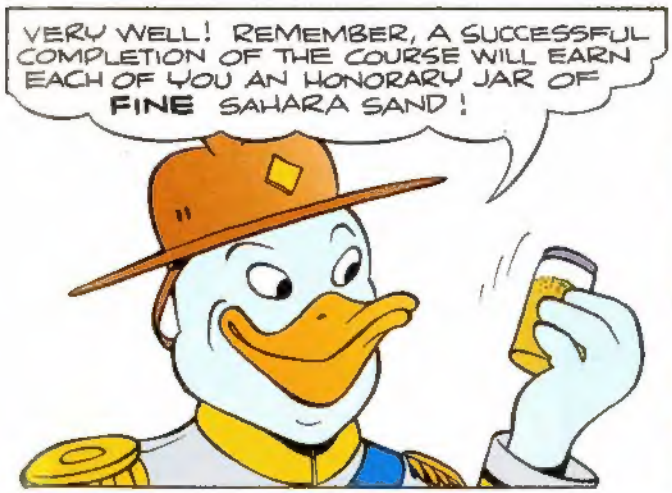
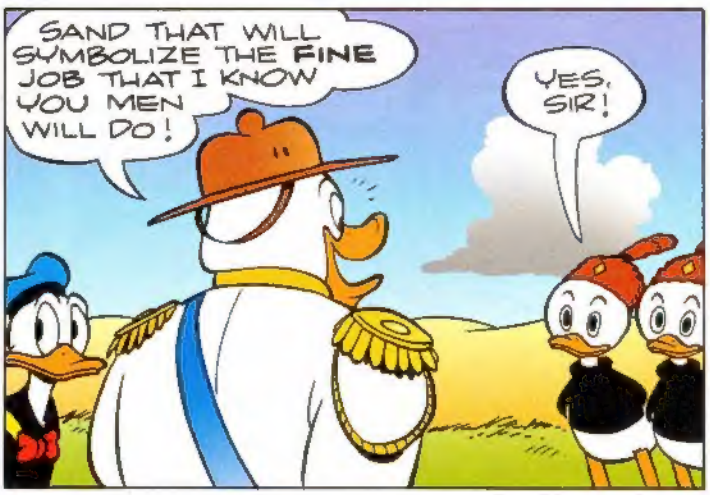
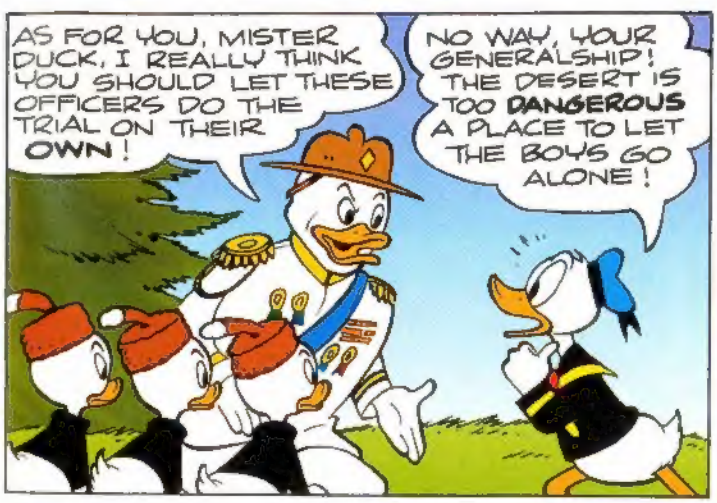
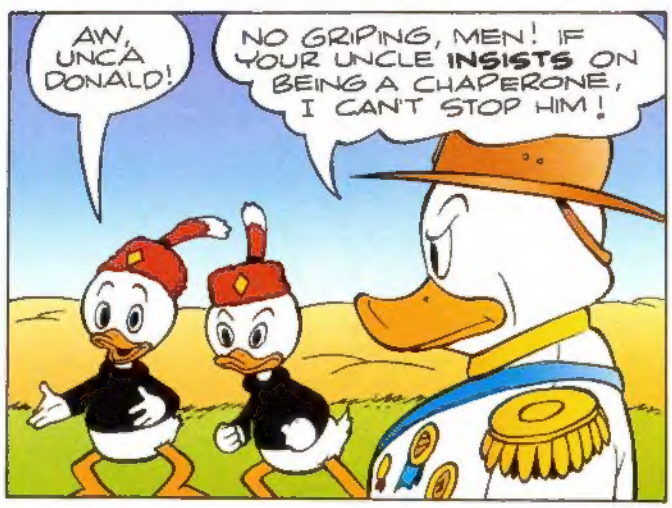
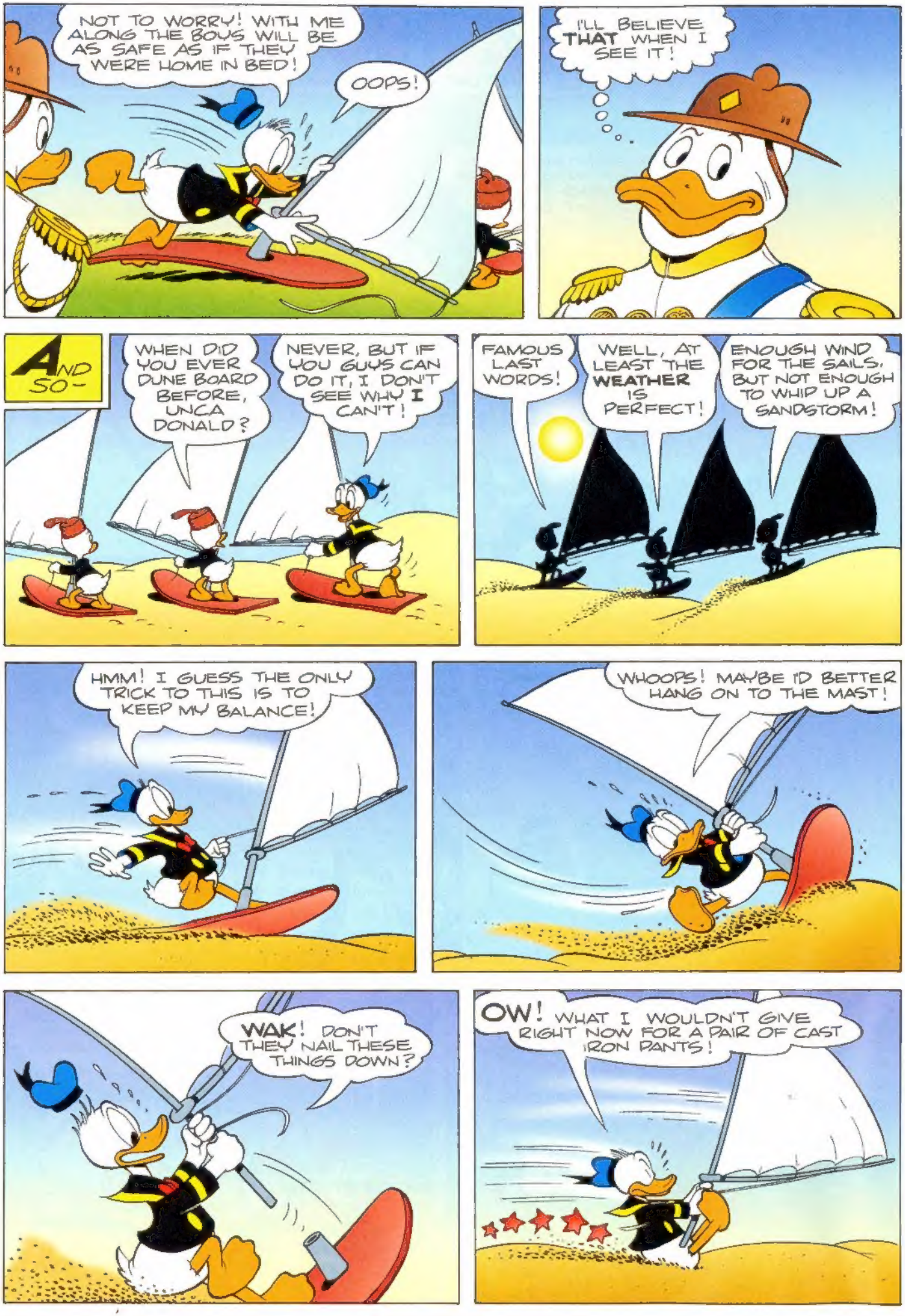
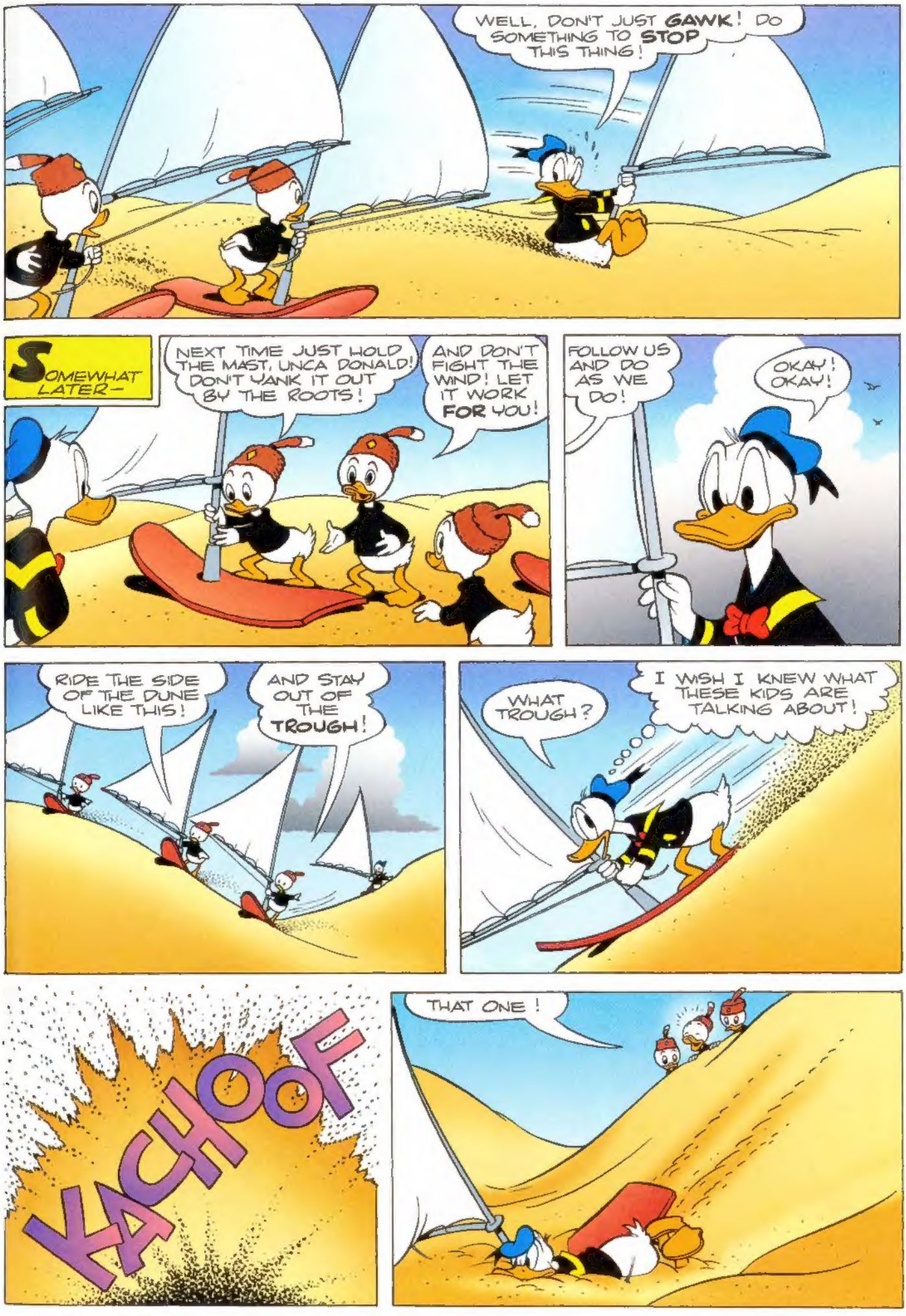





AS FOR YOU, MISTER DUCK, I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD LET THESE OFFICERS DO THE TRIAL ON THEIR **OWN**!
NO WAY, YOUR GENERALSHIP! THE DESERT IS TOO **DANGEROUS** A PLACE TO LET THE BOYS GO ALONE!



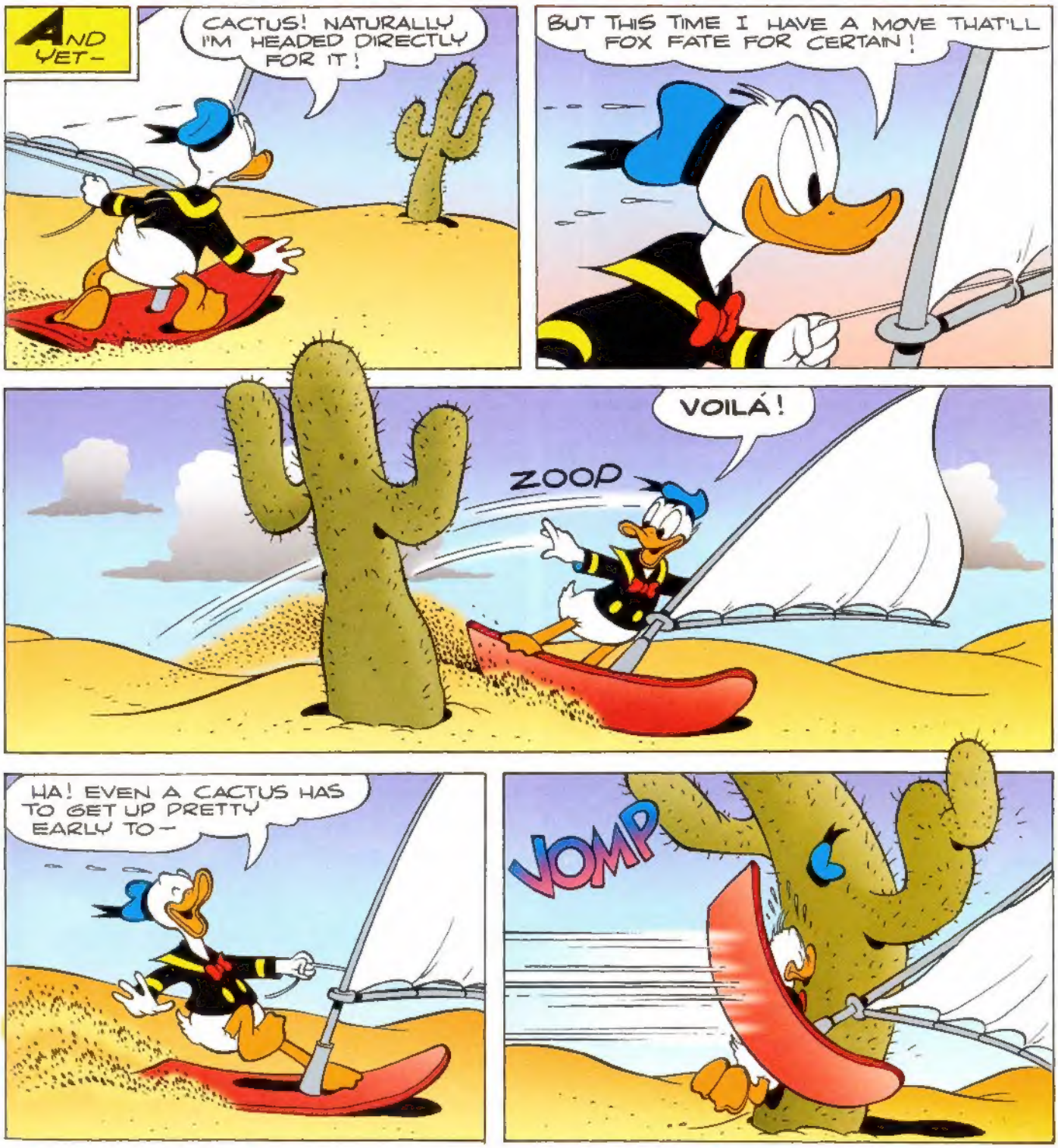

NOT TO WORRY! WITH ME ALONG THE BOYS WILL BE AS SAFE AS IF THEY WERE HOME IN BED!
OOPS!
I'LL BELIEVE THAT WHEN I SEE IT!
AND SO-
WHEN DID YOU EVER DUNE BOARD BEFORE, UNCA DONALD?
NEVER, BUT IF YOU GUYS CAN DO IT, I DON'T SEE WHY I CAN'T!
FAMOUS LAST WORDS!
WELL, AT LEAST THE WEATHER IS PERFECT!
ENOUGH WIND FOR THE SAILS, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO WHIP UP A SANDSTORM!
HMM! I GUESS THE ONLY TRICK TO THIS IS TO KEEP MY BALANCE!
WHOOPS! MAYBE I'D BETTER HANG ON TO THE MAST!
WAK! DON'T THEY NAIL THESE THINGS DOWN?
OW! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE RIGHT NOW FOR A PAIR OF CAST IRON PANTS!

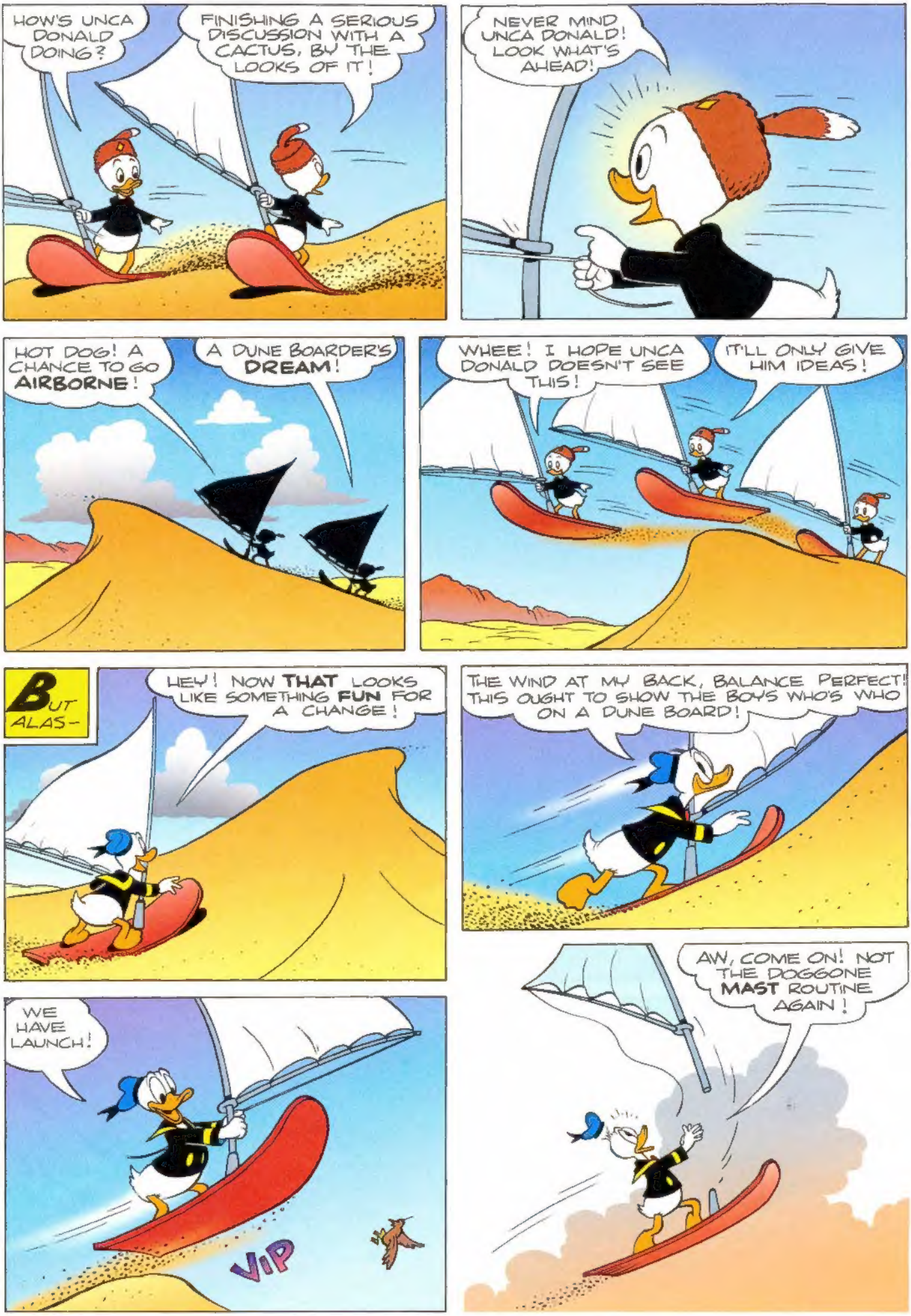

WELL, DON'T JUST GAWK! DO SOMETHING TO STOP THIS THING!
SOMEWHAT LATER—
NEXT TIME JUST HOLD THE MAST, UNCA DONALD! DON'T YANK IT OUT BY THE ROOTS!
AND DON'T FIGHT THE WIND! LET IT WORK FOR YOU!
FOLLOW US AND DO AS WE DO!
OKAY! OKAY!
RIDE THE SIDE OF THE DUNE LIKE THIS!
AND STAY OUT OF THE TROUGH!
WHAT TROUGH?
I WISH I KNEW WHAT THESE KIDS ARE TALKING ABOUT!
KACHOOF
THAT ONE!

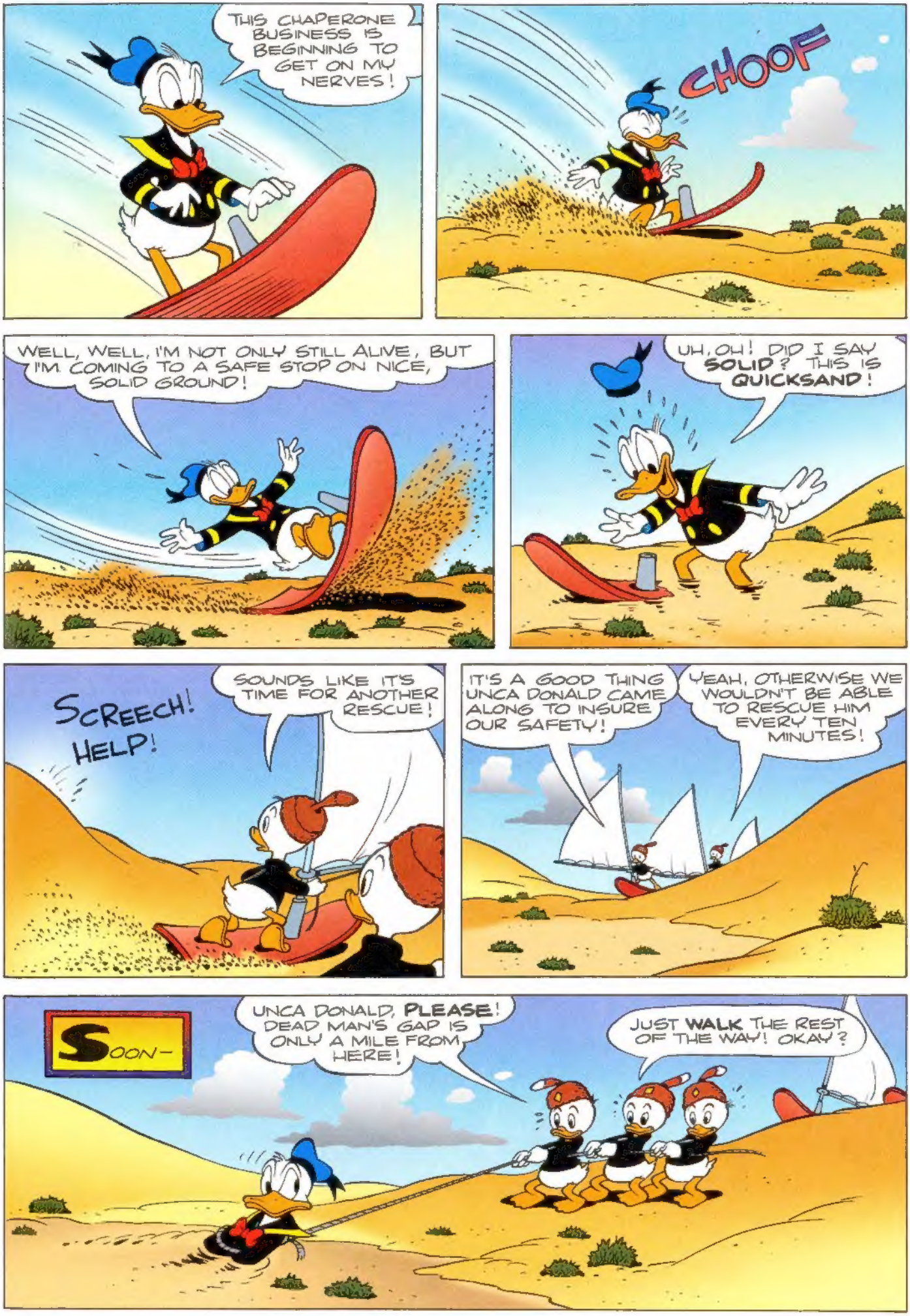
DONALD'S RIG IS ASSEMBLED ONCE AGAIN!
THEN –
SO FAR SO GOOD! MAYBE I'M FINALLY GETTING THE HANG OF THIS!
LET'S SEE, DON'T DISMANTLE THE MAST, LET THE WIND WORK FOR ME, AND STAY OUT OF THE TROUGHS!
WHAT ELSE? OH, OH...
THE BOYS DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT TORNADOS!
SWOOF
VERY SOON INDEED –
IT WASN'T A TORNADO, UNCA DONALD!
JUST A BIG DUST DEVIL! THEY HAPPEN ALL THE TIME!
AND THEY'RE A CINCH TO AVOID!
LOVELY! I'LL BE SURE TO NOTE THAT IN MY MEMOIRS!

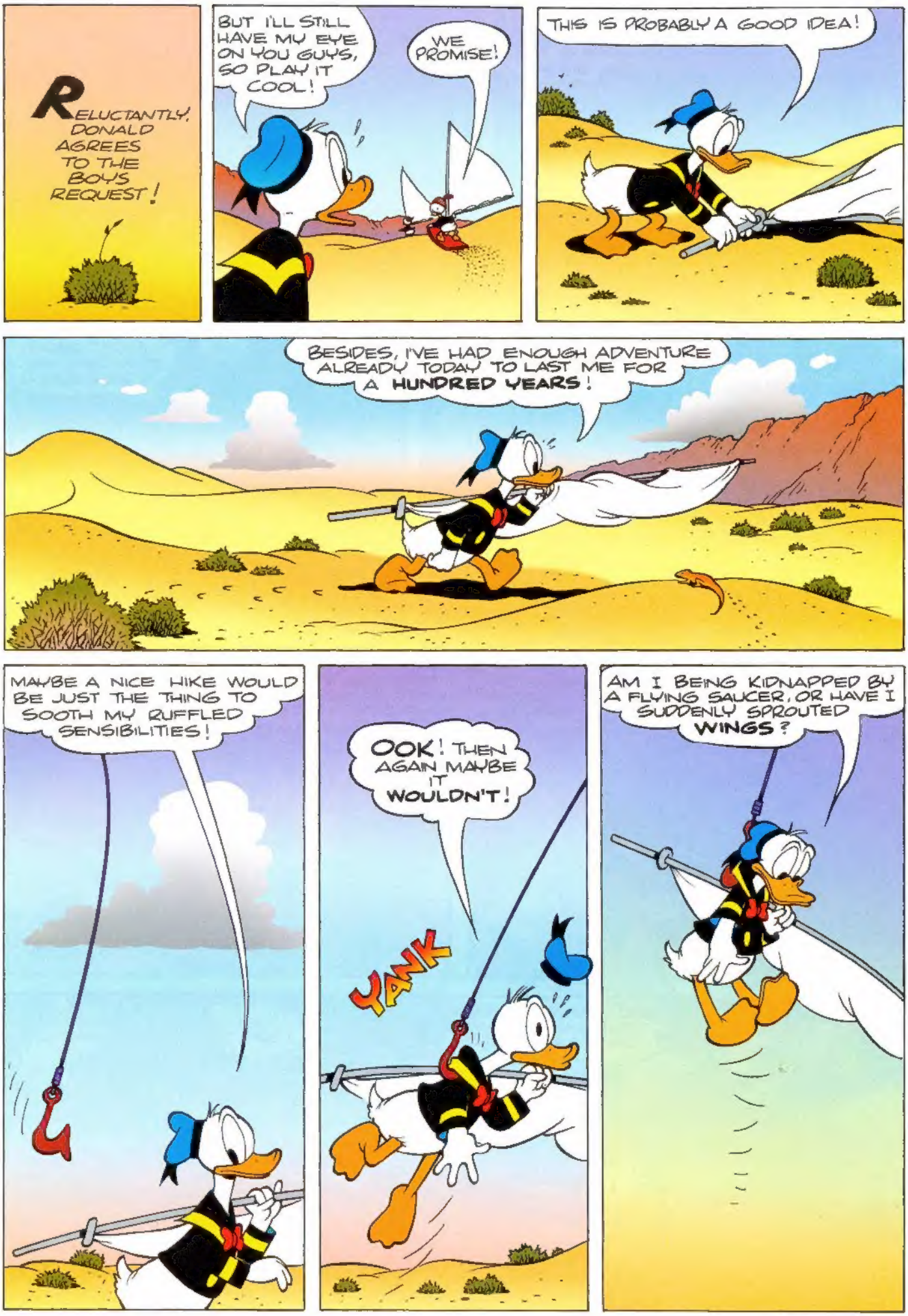
A MERCIFUL INTERLUDE WHEREIN DONALD:

A. IS UNEARTHED –
B. HAS A TANTRUM –
C. GETS UNDER WAY ONCE AGAIN!


AND YET –
CACTUS! NATURALLY I'M HEADED DIRECTLY FOR IT!
BUT THIS TIME I HAVE A MOVE THAT'LL FOX FATE FOR CERTAIN!
VOILÁ!
ZOOP
HA! EVEN A CACTUS HAS TO GET UP PRETTY EARLY TO –
YOMP

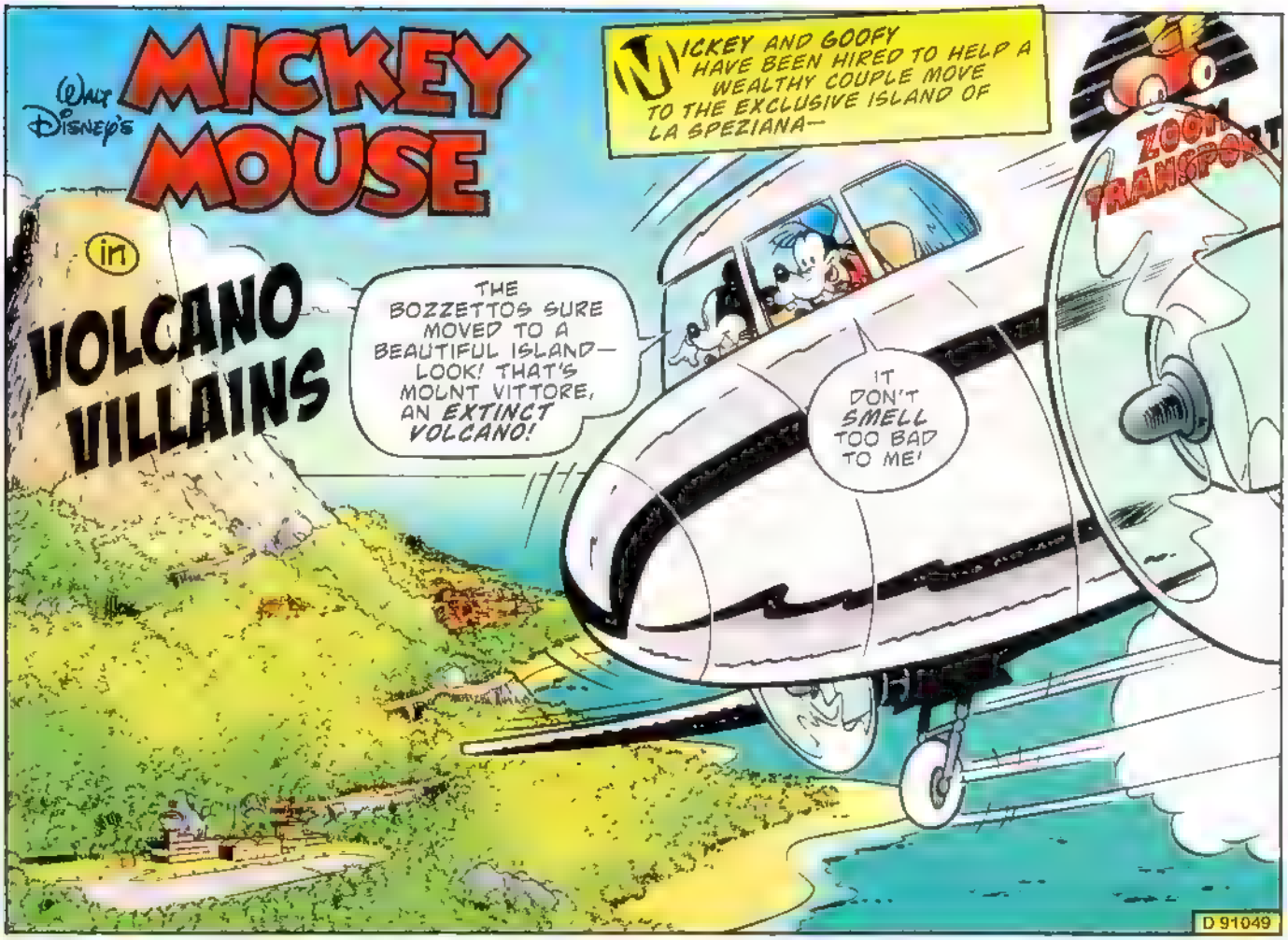

HOW'S UNCA DONALD DOING?
FINISHING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH A CACTUS, BY THE LOOKS OF IT!
NEVER MIND UNCA DONALD! LOOK WHAT'S AHEAD!
HOT DOG! A CHANCE TO GO AIRBORNE!
A DUNE BOARDER'S DREAM!
WHEE! I HOPE UNCA DONALD DOESN'T SEE THIS!
IT'LL ONLY GIVE HIM IDEAS!
BUT ALAS-
HEY! NOW THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FUN FOR A CHANGE!
THE WIND AT MY BACK, BALANCE PERFECT! THIS OUGHT TO SHOW THE BOYS WHO'S WHO ON A DUNE BOARD!
WE HAVE LAUNCH!
VIP
AW, COME ON! NOT THE DOGGONE MAST ROUTINE AGAIN!


THIS CHAPERONE BUSINESS IS BEGINNING TO GET ON MY NERVES!
CHOOF
WELL, WELL, I'M NOT ONLY STILL ALIVE, BUT I'M COMING TO A SAFE STOP ON NICE, SOLID GROUND!
UH, OH! DID I SAY SOLID? THIS IS QUICKSAND!
SCREECH! HELP!
SOUNDS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER RESCUE!
IT'S A GOOD THING UNCA DONALD CAME ALONG TO INSURE OUR SAFETY!
YEAH, OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESCUE HIM EVERY TEN MINUTES!
SOON-
UNCA DONALD, PLEASE! DEAD MAN'S GAP IS ONLY A MILE FROM HERE!
JUST WALK THE REST OF THE WAY! OKAY?


RELUCTANTLY, DONALD AGREES TO THE BOYS REQUEST!
BUT I'LL STILL HAVE MY EYE ON YOU GUYS, SO PLAY IT COOL!
WE PROMISE!
THIS IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA!
BESIDES, I'VE HAD ENOUGH ADVENTURE ALREADY TODAY TO LAST ME FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
MAYBE A NICE HIKE WOULD BE JUST THE THING TO SOOTH MY RUFFLED SENSIBILITIES!
OOK! THEN AGAIN MAYBE IT WOULDN'T!
YANK
AM I BEING KIDNAPPED BY A FLYING SAUCER, OR HAVE I SUDDENLY SPROUTED WINGS?

NOT EVEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIARS CLUB COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING AS SCREWY AS THIS!
WHAT'S GOING ON, CARL? WE'VE SLOWED DOWN TO A CRAWL!
YOCKS! OUR ANCHOR LINE IS OUT!
AND WE'VE GOT A PASSENGER!
CUT THAT FREELOADER LOOSE, OR WE'LL BLOW THIS RACE FOR SURE!
ROGER!
SNIP
GULP! THE ONLY THING BETWEEN ME AND AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT IS THIS SAIL!

OH, NO! UNCA DONALD IS HEADED STRAIGHT FOR DEAD MAN'S GAP!
IT'S HEADS-UP TIME FOR THE COMMANDER!
WHOA! BACK OFF, DUCK! IT'S AGAINST JUNIOR WOODCHUCK RULES TO LAND ON A COMMANDER!
SORRY, SIR, BUT THIS IDIOT SAIL HASN'T READ THE GUIDEBOOK!
THUMP
OOF!
THUS—
CONGRATULATIONS, MEN! YOU'VE EARNED YOUR HONORARY JARS OF FINE SAHARA SAND!
THANK YOU, SIR!
IT WAS NOTHING, SIR!
HMM! SPEAKING OF NOTHING, I'M CURIOUS, MISTER DUCK! IF A JAR OF FINE SAND SYMBOLIZES YOUR NEPHEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS DAY...
... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WOULD BEST SYMBOLIZE YOURS?
I THINK A SACK OF ROUGH ROCKS WOULD SUM IT UP NICELY!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MICKEY MOUSE
in
VOLCANO VILLAINS
MICKEY AND GOOFY HAVE BEEN HIRED TO HELP A WEALTHY COUPLE MOVE TO THE EXCLUSIVE ISLAND OF LA SPEZIANA—
ZOOM TRANSPORT
THE BOZZETTOS SURE MOVED TO A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND— LOOK! THAT'S MOUNT VITTORE, AN EXTINCT VOLCANO!
IT DON'T SMELL TOO BAD TO ME!
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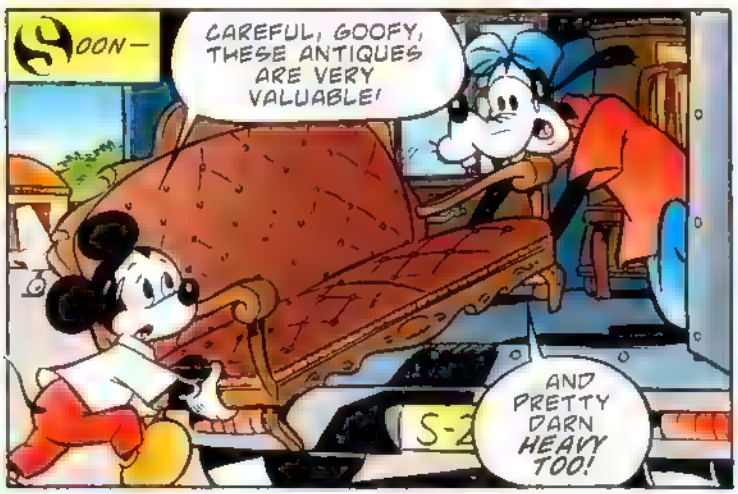
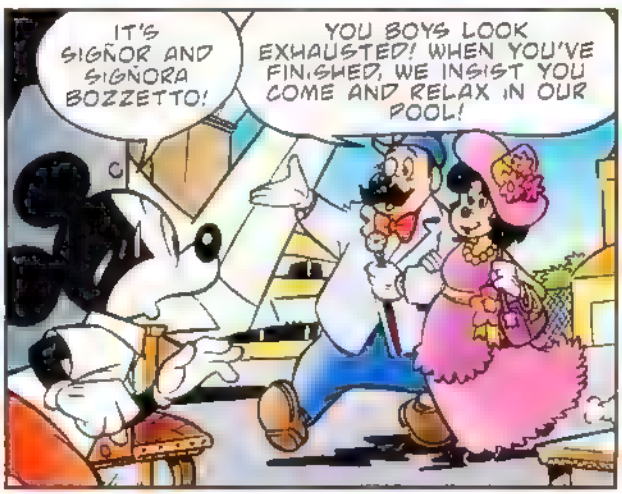
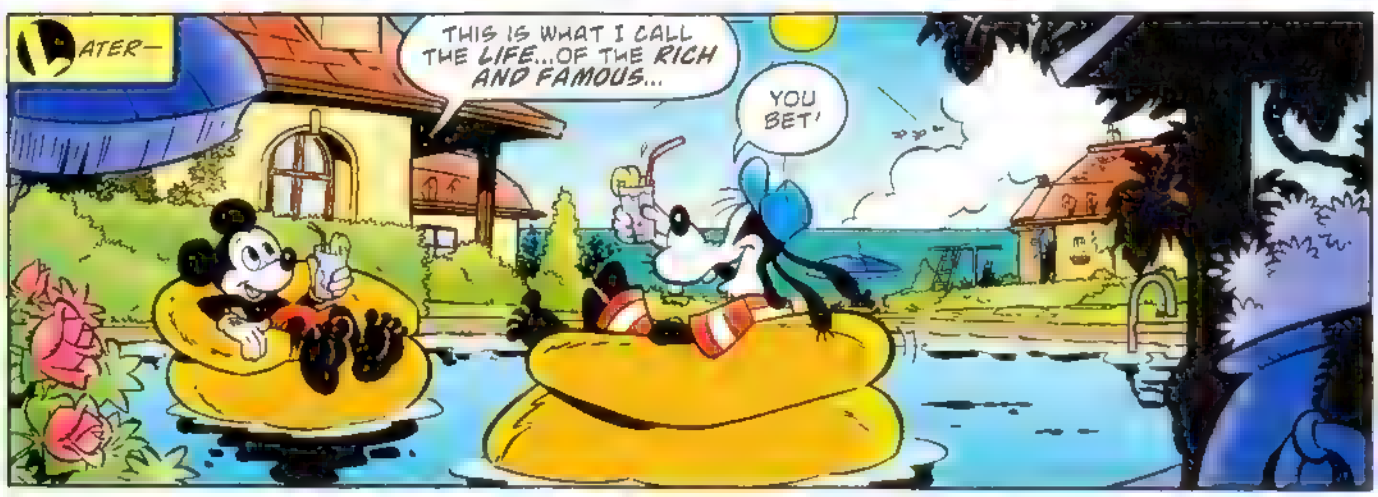

SOON—
CAREFUL, GOOFY, THESE ANTIQUES ARE VERY VALUABLE!
AND PRETTY DARN HEAVY TOO!


IT'S SIGÑOR AND SIGÑORA BOZZETTO!
YOU BOYS LOOK EXHAUSTED! WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED, WE INSIST YOU COME AND RELAX IN OUR POOL!


LATER—
THIS IS WHAT I CALL THE LIFE...OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS...
YOU BET!

AND THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WORLD TO DISTURB US!
I GUESS...BUT I CAN'T STOP WONDERING ABOUT THAT VOLCANO? ARE YOU SURE IT'S EXTINCT?
DON'T WORRY... IT HASN'T ERUPTED SINCE BEFORE POMPEII!
THEN WHY IS IT DOING THAT?!
-ULP!-
YOWWWW!
FOOM!
WOOAAH!
COME ON! WE HAVE TO WARN THE BOZZETTOS!
HOW-EVER..
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
WE'RE GEOLOGISTS FROM THE ABAGNALE UNIVERSITY! INCREDIBLY, VITTORE HAS BECOME ACTIVE! IT'S ABOUT TO TO BLOW ITS TOP!
YOU MUST EVACUATE THE ISLAND!
WHEN MY HUSBAND HEARS WE MUST MOVE OUR VALUABLES AGAIN, HE'LL BE THE ONE BLOWING HIS TOP!
FORGET THOSE THINGS! THERE'S NO TIME!

WITHIN SECONDS...
BUT OUR PAINTINGS— OUR ANTIQUES— ALL OUR COMIC BOOKS!
I KNOW, DARLING! BUT WE MUST LEAVE NOW!
RUN TO THE PLANE, BOYS! YOU HAVE TO GET OFF THE ISLAND!
THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN WARNED?!
SOMETHING DOES SMELL HERE! AFTER SO MANY CENTURIES..
A-HA! THAT'S NOT VOLCANIC ACTIVITY GOING ON UP THERE! I KNEW IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE!
IT'S A PHONEY ERUPTION!
BUT WHY?
GEE...WHO'S CRAZY ENOUGH TO GO CLIMBING AROUND AT THE TOP OF AN ACTIVE VOLCANO?
LET'S GO FIND OUT!

HA! LOOKS LIKE I CAUGHT ME A COUPLE OF SNOOP NG STRAYS!
:GASP!:
MOMENTS LATER—
NO ONE'S GONNA STOP US FROM CLEANING OUT ALL THOSE MILLION-AIRE MANSIONS!
DON'T BE SO SURE TOUGH GLY!
SAY BYE-BYE!
YOWCH!
WOOAAH!
YOU OK?!
LEMME THINK ABOUT THAT!
BANG!
ROLL IN THE CAVE!
LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE?
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THESE ROPES!
RUB!
RUB!
WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER CAVE!
TH.S SHOULD KEEP 'EM QUIET!

BOOM!
GET BACK!
WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
HOLD IT! I THINK I'VE GOT A MATCH!
FIRST WE'RE DELIVERY MEN AND NOW WE'RE CAVE-MEN!
I FEEL A DRAFT! THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY OUT!
THEY SURE HAVE SOME HAIRY ELEPHANTS HERE!
THAT'S AN ANCIENT CAVE PAINTING, GOOFY!
SOME-TIME LATER..
FINALLY! THE WAY OUT!
THOSE CROOKS WORKED FAST! WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THEM!

OOPS! THIS BABY IS OVERDUE FOR ITS 50,000 MILE CHECK-UP!
ZOOM ANSPORT
THEY'RE SCARED! TRYING TO HIDE IN THE CLOUDS!
CAREFUL, MICKEY!
LOOK OUT! WE'RE GONNA HIT THEM!
SLAK!
WHOOSHH
WHUMPH!
SSHAKE!
PHEW, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE .. ANY DAMAGE, GOOFY?
THE WING GOT A BOO-BOO, BUT IT'S HOLDING TOGETHER!
S.O.S.! HELP! THE PILOT'S OUT AND I CAN'T FLY THIS THING!

IT LOOKS BAD!
THEIR PLANE HAS POPPED ITS TOP!
ZOOM TRANSPORT
TRY TO HOLD HER STEADY, I'M COMING ABOARD!
HUH?
ZOOM TRANSPORT
THERE HE GOES AGAIN, MAKING LIKE SPIDER-MAN!
I HEAR YOU NEED A PILOT!
I'M ON BOARD! RADIO AHEAD— WE'RE BRINGING THESE CROOKS IN!
UH-OH! I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GONNA LIKE THAT AT ALL!
WE GO WHERE WE SAY!

GUESS AGAIN, WEIRD BEARD! THERE MUST BE A FUEL LEAK! WE'LL BE LUCKY TO MAKE IT TO THE MAINLAND!
FUEL
CONTROL TOWER! THIS PLANE IS IN BAD SHAPE! BETTER GET READY FOR THE WORST!
MOMENTS LATER..
:GASP: HE HASN'T GOT HIS LANDING GEAR DOWN!
THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS FRIED!
LANDING GEAR
UP
DOWN
SCREEEE!
BA-DUMP!
I'LL BE GOOD I'LL BE GOOD I'LL BE GOOD I'LL...
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BOYS!
RUMP!
SNAP!

WE'VE BEEN BAD! YOU SHOULD TAKE US TO JAIL AND AWAY FROM THAT CRAZY DELIVERY MAN! PLEASE!
AND SO—
THEM CROOKS A N'T ACTING SO TOUGH NOW!
JUST NERVOUS STOMACHS!
POLICE
LATER, BACK ON THE ISLAND...
IT SURE WAS NICE OF THE BOZETTOS AND THE OTHERS TO THROW THIS PARTY FOR US!
I HOPE THE NO SE DOESN'T WAKE MT. VITTORE!!
I HAD TO OPEN MY BIG MOUTH!
OH NO, NOT AGAIN!
EVERY-ONE HEAD FOR THE BOATS! WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND ME FIRST!
RELAX, BOYS! WE COULDN'T WASTE WHAT THOSE CROOKS LEFT BEHIND!
TO SALUTE YOUR GREAT COURAGE, WE GIVE YOU FIREWORKS!

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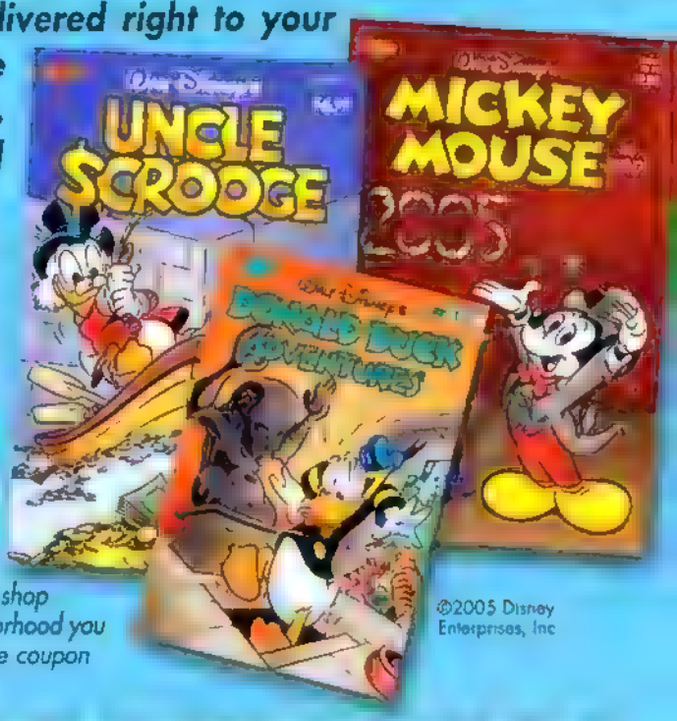

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GOODNESS, GIRLS! WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S A POSTER OF DIRK DUCKLY, AUNT DAISY! OUR FAVORITE MOVIE STAR!
HE'S THE BEST ACTOR IN THE WORLD!
A SENSITIVE, DEEPLY-EXPERIENCED ARTIST!
D 2001 006
REALLY? THEN HOW COME I HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM? HOW MANY FILMS HAS HE MADE?
WELL...ONLY ONE!
BUT HE WAS SO DREAMY IN IT!
HMM! I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE PICTURE! YOU THINK HE'S CUTE, RIGHT?
CUTER THAN CUTE! DIRK DUCKLY IS TOTALLY HOT!
HE'S GOT DEVOTED FOLLOWERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!
BUT WE'RE HIS BIGGEST FANS!
WE'D DO ANYTHING FOR HIM!
WELL, THAT'S NICE! HAVE FUN, GIRLS!
DO I DETECT A NOTE OF CONDESCENSION IN AUNT DAISY'S VOICE?
SHE'S TOO OLD TO UNDERSTAND THE DEEP FEELINGS WE HAVE FOR OUR IDOL!
WE NEED MORAL SUPPORT! LET'S CALL A MEETING OF THE LOCAL DIRK DUCKLY FAN CLUB!

SHORTLY–
OKAY, FELLOW FANS! LET'S ALL WRITE TO DIRK DUCKLY ASKING HIM FOR AUTOGRAPHED PICTURES!
WE DID THAT, APRIL! HE HASN'T SENT US ANYTHING!
TSK! YOU'VE GOT TO REMEMBER! DIRK IS A VERY BUSY STAR!
BUT HE'LL ANSWER EVERY PIECE OF MAIL AS SOON AS HE CAN! WE BELIEVE IT IN OUR HEARTS!
HEY, LOOK! IT'S APRIL, MAY AND JUNE!
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
LET'S SAY HELLO!
HI, GIRLS! WE'RE GOING TO THE PARK!
WANTA COME WITH US? WE'LL PUSH YOU ON THE SWINGS!
I'M AFRAID WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SUCH CHILDISH PURSUITS, BOYS!
WE HAVE TO PRESIDE OVER THE DIRK DUCKLY FAN CLUB!
DIRK DUCKLY?! YOU MEAN THAT SELF-OBSESSED PRETTY-BOY FLASH-IN-THE-PAN MOVIE STAR?!
BOY! HE'S A ONE-HIT-WONDER IF EVER I SAW ONE!
AND YOU FAN-BABES ARE AS FICKLE AS THEY COME!
FICKLE?! US?!! THOSE ARE FIGHTING WORDS, DEWEY DUCK!!
BAH! WE PREDICT THAT IN ONE WEEK YOU'LL BE IN A DITHER OVER SOME OTHER NO-TALENT JERK!
NO WAY! WE'RE DIE-HARD DIRK DUCKLY FANS FROM HERE TO ETERNITY! AND HE APPRECIATES US!!

BUT IN THE OFFICE OF DIRK DUCKLY'S MANAGER–
DIRK! YOU'VE GOT TO ANSWER YOUR FAN MAIL!
WHAT FOR?! WHO NEEDS A LEGION OF LETTER-WRITING LOSERS?!
YOU DO! WITHOUT YOUR FANS, YOU'RE NOTHING!
BOOSHWASH! I'M A BONAFIDE MOVIE STAR!
HAH! YOU USED TO BE PLAIN MELVIN MALLARD UNTIL I RENAMED YOU DIRK DUCKLY! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LANDED THAT PLUM ROLE IF IT WASN'T FOR MY HARD WORK!
MAYBE SO! BUT NOW THAT I'M ON TOP, YOUR SERVICES AS MY MANAGER AREN'T SO NECESSARY, ARE THEY, SAMMY?
DON'T KID YOURSELF, KID! YOU'RE DEPENDENT ON ME AND YOUR FANS! AND YOU'VE GOT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEM!
-YAWN!- WHATEVER!
SAY! I'M GETTING AN IDEA! SUPPOSE YOU DROP IN ON ONE OF YOUR FAN CLUB CHAPTERS? SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH THEM?!
I'LL CALL THE PRESS! IT'LL BE THE PERFECT PHOTO OP! THIS'LL SHOW THE WORLD YOU'RE A SWEET, CARING GUY!
SOUNDS EXHAUSTING!
I'LL JUST PICK A FAN CLUB AT RANDOM! AHA! THE DUCKBURG CHAPTER! THOSE KIDS'LL BE SO EXCITED TO FIND OUT YOU'RE COMING TO TOWN!
AH, YES! -GROAN!- THE CRUSHING WEIGHT OF CELEBRITY!

BACK AT DAISY'S HOUSE–
DEAR DIRK! WE REALIZE YOUR HECTIC SCHEDULE AFFORDS YOU LITTLE TIME FOR FAN MAIL...
SHEESH! AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO HEARS THE PHONE RINGING?!
BRRRNG! BRRRNG!
...BUT WE HAVE FAITH YOU'LL FIND A MOMENT TO ANSWER...
HELLO? WHO? THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF WHAT? OH, I SEE! HOLD ON A SEC!
...YOUR MOST DEVOTED FOLLOWERS!
I THINK THIS IS FOR YOU, GIRLS!
YES?
YES?!
YES!!
...YES...
SHRIEEEEEEEEEK!!!!
DIRK DUCKLY IS COMING TO STAY WITH US! EEEEEK!!
IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE!! YEEEEEK!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!!
SQUEEEEEEEK!!!
OH WELL! GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS!

THE BIG DAY ARRIVES–
OH DEAR! OH MY! EVERYBODY PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF MY FLOWER BEDS!
AND ALL WE WANT IS A COUPLE'A PHOTOS FOR THE DUCKBURG BUGLE!
SURE, LADY! WE'RE JUST HERE TO SEE A REAL MOVIE STAR!
OKAY, FELLOW FAN CLUBBERS! ARE YOUR VOICES WARMED UP?
LA LA LA LA!!!
WHEN WE GREET BELOVED DIRK WITH THE WELCOMING SONG, OUR PERFORMANCE MUST BE PERFECT!
LOOK! LOOK! THERE'S THE LIMOUSINE!
DIRK DUCKLY IS HERE!!
NOW REMAIN COOL AND CALM, GIRLS!
GOOD MORNING, FOLKS! LOOK WHO'S HERE TO SPEND SOME TIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY! IT'S....DIRK DUCKLY!!!
WOW! A GENUINE STAR OF THE SILVER SCREEN! LET'S GET CLOSER!
MOVE IN! WE NEED A TIGHT SHOT!
DIRK DUCKLY!!
SWRIEEEEEEEEEKK!!!!
NO! NO! NOT MY FLOWERS!!!

LISTEN, MELVIN...I MEAN, DIRK! PLAY BY THE RULES! YOU'VE GOTTA BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR IF YOU WANT THE PUBLIC TO STICK WITH YOU!
YEAH! YEAH! YEAH! I DON'T NEED YER LECTURES!
HEY, THERE! HIYA! GOOD TO SEE YA!
GIRLS! GET UP! THE SONG! WE MUST SING THE SONG FOR OUR IDOL!
WE LOVE YOU, DIRK! O YES WE DO! WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH US... WE'RE BLUE! O DIRK, WE LOVE YOU!
YEEECH!!!
CRIMINY! ZIP IT, YOU TONE-DEAF TERMITES! WHO CAN LISTEN TO THAT OFF-KEY CATERWAULING?!!
...GLEEP?...
GIVE US A BIG SMILE, MR. DUCKLY!
AWP! PAPARAZZI!!
FLASH!
FLASH!
GIVE ME THAT! I HATE HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN! I HATE PAPARAZZI!!
FLASH!
UH...I MEAN...GOLLY! I'M SURE PLEASED AS PUNCH EVERYBODY CAME TO SEE ME! LOVE YA TO PIECES! GUESS THIS IS WHERE I'M STAYING! SO...
...SO LONG!
THAT'S IT?! HUMPH! BIG DEAL!
SLAM!!

YUCK! THIS PLACE SURE AIN'T THE FOUR SEASONS! MORE LIKE THE CITY DUMP!
DIRK? WE'RE THE LEADERS OF YOUR FAN CLUB! ALLOW US TO SHOW YOU TO THE GUEST QUARTERS!
NAW! I'LL TAKE THIS ROOM! IT'S SO TASTEFULLY APPOINTED!
BUT THIS IS OUR ROOM!
MAN! I'M STARVING! WHAT'S TO EAT AROUND HERE?!
PLEASE, DIRK! DON'T! AUNT DAISY MADE THAT MEAT LOAF FOR DINNER!
DON'T SWEAT IT! SHE CAN ORDER TAKE-OUT LATER! WHAT'S ON TV?!
=GASP!= LOOK AT THIS MESS! YOUR UNRULY IDOL IS TRASHING MY HOUSE!
HEY! WHAT'A'YA KNOW?! MY MOVIE IS PLAYING ON THE PAY-PER-VIEW CHANNEL! I'M SURE YOUR AUNT WON'T MIND IF I WATCH IT!
BUT...THAT'S AWFULLY EXPENSIVE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO RUDE A HOUSE GUEST IN ALL MY LIFE!
YOU GOTTA CUT HIM SOME SLACK, MIZ DUCK! HE'S A STAR!
SAMMY'S RIGHT, AUNT DAISY! STARS DESERVE SPECIAL TREATMENT!
THREE HOURS LATER-
I'M BORED! HOW MANY TIMES CAN I WATCH THIS FLICK?! EVEN IF IT IS STARRING ME?!!
DIRK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M GOING OUT! C'MON, GIRLS! YOU CAN SHOW ME WHERE THE ACTION IS IN THIS BURG!
WE'D LOVE TO, DIRK!

THE STAR-STRUCK NIECES TAKE DIRK TO THE BOWLING ALLEY...
YIPPIE! I WON THAT GAME! MAY AND JUNE WON THE LAST TWO! GO AGAIN, DIRK?
BWAHHH! IT'S NOT FAIR! I NEVER WIN! I WANTA WIN!! I WANTA WIN!!!
STRIKE!
...TO YE OLDE SODA SHOPPE...
YUUUUUM! AREN'T THESE SUNDAES WITH CHERRIES ON TOP THE MOST, DIRK?
BLEEECH! I HATE CHERRIES! I DIDN'T ASK FOR CHERRIES! I DON'T WANT CHERRIES!! GET 'EM AWAY!!!
...AND ON A TOUR OF THE CITY-
DUCKLY! I'M THE MAYOR! WOULD YOU CONSIDER CUTTING THE TAPE AT THE UNVEILING OF OUR NEW CIVIC CENTER TOMORROW?
GIVE ME A BREAK, RUBE! I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF YOUR PIDDLING PROVINCIAL RITUALS! GET LOST!
=SNORT!= WHAT AN INSUFFERABLE LITTLE TWERP!
I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AGREE!
=SIGH!= REGRETFULLY... ME, TOO! BUT WHAT CAN BE DONE?!
WE OF THE DIRK DUCKLY FAN CLUB HAVE FINALLY ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT OUR IDOL IS A FIRST-RATE HEEL!
WE HAVE A PLAN TO TAKE HIM DOWN A PEG OR TWO...
...BUT WE'LL NEED EVERYBODY'S HELP TO PULL IT OFF!

THE NEXT MORNING–
WAKE UP, MELVIN!
YEAH! BREAKFAST IS READY, MELVIN!
...HUH?! MELVIN?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHO'S MELVIN?!
BANG! CLANG!
KERBLAM!
SILLY! YOU ARE!
YOU'RE MELVIN MALLARD! OUR BOARDER!
THAT'S NUTS! I'M DIRK DUCKLY! THE MOVIE STAR! THAT'S ME UP THERE ON THE...THE...
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PICTURE OF ME?!
WHAT A KIDDER! WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A POSTER OF WALLY WINGNUT ON THE WALL!
HE'S OUR IDOL!
SO! FINALLY DECIDED TO GET UP, EH, MELVIN?! JUST REMEMBER! RENT'S DUE TODAY! NO EXCUSES THIS TIME!
RENT?!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE?! I'M NO BOARDER! I DON'T PAY RENT!! I'M A STAR!!!
MELVIN MALLARD! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! YOUR FRENCH TOAST WILL GET COLD!
SO FAR, SO GOOD! YOU DID GREAT, AUNT DAISY! NOW IT'S UP TO SAMMY!
STICK WITH DIRK, APRIL! JUNE AND I WILL GET READY FOR PHASE TWO!!
SAMMY! IT'S ME! DIRK! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU! THOSE FEMALE FEATHERBRAINS ARE MESSING UP MY MIND!
DO I KNOW YOU, KID?
LOOK, CHUM, I CAN'T BE BOTHERED WITH RIFF-RAFF! I'M WAITING FOR THE STAR I MANAGE– WALLY WINGNUT!
WALLY WINGNUT?!!
OOOOOO!! I'M HIS BIG-GEST FAN!!

HERE COMES WALLY WINGNUT NOW! IN PERSON! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT EEEEEEK!
THERE'S MY BOY! MAN, HE'S HOT! THE FANS CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF HIM!
!?!
SAMMY, YOU'RE THE BEST MANAGER A STAR COULD HAVE! YOU KNOW HOW TO HOOK ME UP WITH MY PUBLIC!
THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, KID!
WE'D BETTER GET GOING! DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW CIVIC CENTER!
YOU SAID IT! WE CAN'T KEEP THE FANS WAITING!
BUT...BUT... BUT...
...THE MAYOR ASKED ME TO CUT THE RIBBON AT THE CEREMONY! THAT'S MY GIG! WHICH WAY TO THE CIVIC CENTER?!!
HANG A LEFT AT THE NEXT BLOCK!
HASTY MOMENTS LATER-
BY THE POWER INVESTED IN ME BY THE GOOD CITIZENS OF DUCKBURG...
MR. MAYOR! WAIT! I'VE RECONSIDERED! I'LL DO IT! I'LL DO IT!!
BUZZ OFF, YOU WORTHLESS NOBODY! WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?!
...I HEREBY DEDICATE THIS BUILDING!
NO!! MY FANS WANTED ME TO DO THAT! LOOK! THEY'RE ALL HERE! WAITING TO SEE ME!!!
SNIPP
WALLY! WE LOVE YOU! CAN WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?!
HOW ABOUT A FEW PHOTOS, WALLY?!
YAAAARRGH!! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!! IT'S LIKE... LIKE...
CERTAINLY! GLADLY! WITHOUT YOU FOLKS, I'M NOTHING!
...LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A NIGHT-MARE?!

THAT'S IT! IT'S ALL A NIGHTMARE! A HORRIBLE, TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE!
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GET BACK TO BED!
THERE YOU ARE, YOU WORTHLESS WORM! WHERE'S MY RENT?!
O LORDY! PLEASE! LET ME WAKE UP FROM THIS!!
BEST PULL THE COVERS OVER YOUR HEAD!
YES! LET IT ALL BE A BAD DREAM! I'LL BE NICE TO THE FANS! I PROMISE!
...I'LL BE A GOOD STAR... I'LL BE A GOOD STAR...
OH, D!!!!RK! ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU WOKE UP?
AUNT DAISY'S FIXED YOU A LOVELY BREAKFAST, DIRK!
COME AND GET IT, DIRK!
DIRK?! YOU CALLED ME DIRK!! AND THAT'S ME ON THE WALL!! IT WAS A NIGHTMARE!!
GOOD MORNING, DIRK! HAVE I MENTIONED HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO SHARE MY HOME WITH A STAR AND A GENTLEMAN?
THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE, MA'AM!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR HOSPITALITY BY WASHING THE DISHES! AFTER THAT, I'LL VACUUM THE HOUSE!
WHY, DIRK! HOW SWEET AND CONSIDERATE!
SHORTLY-
WELL, WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T THE MOVIE STAR WHO'S TOO GOOD FOR HIS FANS!
NOT ANY MORE, SAMMY OL' BUDDY, OL' PAL! I'VE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF!

I'LL SHOW YOU! HEY, KIDS! I'LL BET YOU'RE BIG DIRK DUCKLY FANS, AREN'T YOU?
HUH?! NOT EXACT...
I WANT TO GIVE EACH OF YOU AUTOGRAPHED PICTURES AND FREE PASSES TO VISIT ME ON THE SET OF MY NEXT MOVIE!
WHOA! THAT'S PRETTY COOL!
APRIL, MAY AND JUNE! YOU GIRLS DESERVE A BIG HUG AND A KISS! PASS ALONG THIS STACK OF SIGNED PHOTOS TO THE REST OF THE FAN CLUB, WILL YOU?
OH DIRK! YOU'RE THE MOST!
I'VE GOTTA BE GOING NOW! THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF FAN MAIL TO ANSWER! KEEP IN TOUCH!
GOOD BYE, DIRK! WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!
AND SO, A FEW DAYS LATER–
ALL RIGHT! WE ADMIT IT! WE WERE WRONG! DIRK DUCKLY IS AN OKAY GUY!
NOW WE UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SUCH BIG FANS!
HUMPH! WELL, IF YOU LIKE HIM SO MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS POSTER?!
DIRK DUCKLY IS SO LAST WEEK'S NEWS!
!?!
WE HAVE A NEW IDOL NOW...GARY GOSLING! →SIGH!← HE'S A REAL HEART-THROB IF EVER THERE WAS ONE!
CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?!
SIMPLE, BOYS! GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS!

Walt Disney's
The li'l BAD WOLF
in "turnabout time"
AH-H ! YOU CAN THANK ME FOR RENTING THIS MOUNTAIN CABIN, LI'L WOLF ! PRETTY NIFTY, EH ?
IT'S SWELL ! BUT WHY'D YOU DO IT, POP?
W/WDC 193 C
HOW COME YOU'RE SO BIGHEARTED ALL OF A SUDDEN ?
IT'S THIS BOOK I READ, SON !
Be a Buddy to your Boy
IT SAYS FATHERS SHOULD SPEND LOTS OF TIME WITH THEIR SONS... GET OUT AND CAMP WITH THEM...FISH AND HUNT! DO THINGS TOGETHER !
Be a Buddy to your Boy
BUT, POP... THAT SORT OF THING WOULD MAKE ME GROW UP INTO A NORMAL, WELL-ADJUSTED WOLF!
EXACTLY!
Hee, hee ! AND A NORMAL, WELL-ADJUSTED WOLF IS A MEAN, FIERCE, NO-GOOD CRITTER LIKE ME !

I'VE BEEN RAISING LI'L WOLF ALL WRONG! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FORCE HIM TO BE A NO-GOOD CRITTER!
WITH THIS NEW, SCIENTIFIC APPROACH, HE'LL BECOME A NO-GOODER NATURAL-LIKE!
SOON...
WHAT THE DING-DONG, LI'L WOLF... HOW COME YOU'RE NOT CATCHING ANY FISH? THIS LAKE IS LOADED!
I DIDN'T PUT ANY BAIT ON MY HOOK, POP! I WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO GET HURT!
COME ON! LET'S GO HIKING!
I'D LIKE THAT MUCH BETTER!
I GUESS I'VE GOT TO BE MORE BUDDY-BUDDY WITH HIM! HE'S STILL A LONG WAY FROM ACTING LIKE A NORMAL WOLF!
IT'S GOOD TO BE OFF LIKE THIS... JUST THE TWO OF US, EH, SON?
SURE IS, POP!
I THINK IT'S DOING YOU A WORLD OF GOOD!
ME? HOW SO?

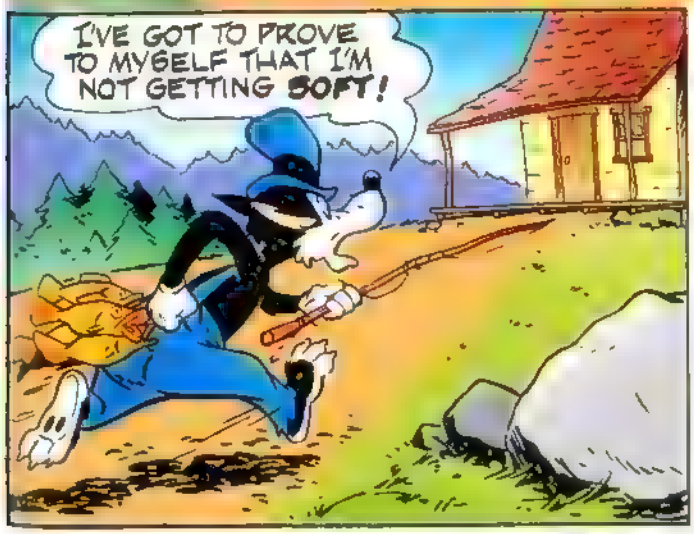
CHEEP! CHEEP!
WE JUST PASSED A BIRD'S NEST AND YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO UPSET IT... LIKE YOU USUALLY DO!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND I SAW IT, TOO!

I THINK YOU SHOULD READ MORE BOOKS ON HOW TO RAISE KIDS! YOU'RE SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE!
GULP!

IT CAN'T BE THAT! THIS BUDDY-BUDDY STUFF COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE WORKING IN REVERSE ON ME! I'M STILL A MEANY!

COME ALONG! WE'RE GOING TO GET MY SHOTGUN FROM THE CABIN AND GO HUNTING!
BUT... WHAT ABOUT OUR HIKE?

WE CAN HIKE AND HUNT AT THE SAME TIME!


I'VE GOT TO PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I'M NOT GETTING SOFT!

WHILLIKERS! I'VE GOT TO TRY AND STOP POP FROM HUNTING! I DON'T WANT HIM SHOOTING AT LITTLE FOREST CREATURES!

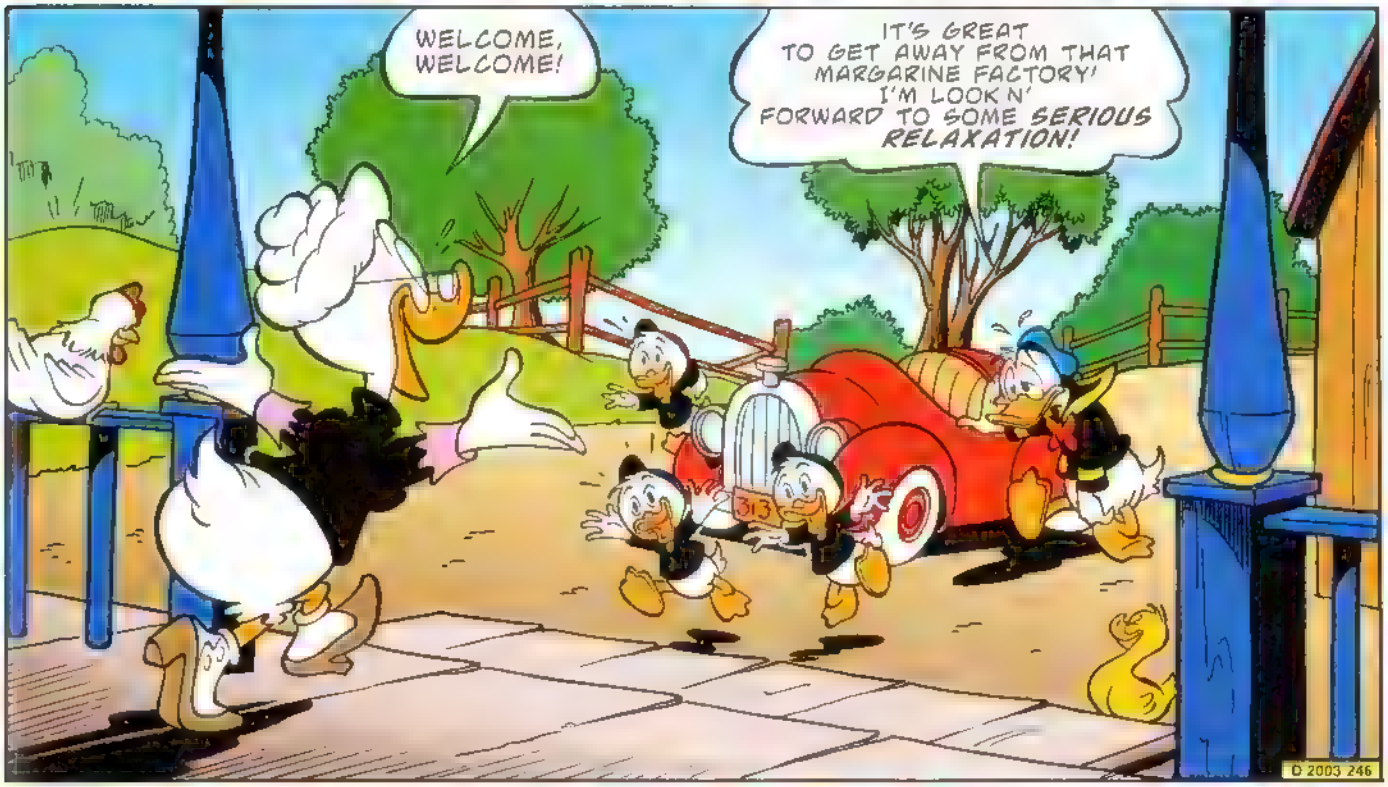
SHOO! HIDE, LITTLE BUNNY!
RUN AWAY!
?
GOODNESS! YOU, TOO! HIDE IN YOUR TREE, LITTLE SQUIRREL... PLEASE!
OH, GOSH! THEY'RE NOT MOVING AN INCH!
AH, HA!
NICE GOING, SON! I SEE YOU COAXED THEM OUT IN THE OPEN!
Hee, hee! THAT BOOK STUFF IS PAYING OFF!
AND THIS'LL PROVE THAT BOOK ISN'T WORKING IN REVERSE ON ME!
POP... WAIT!
LET ME HAVE THE FIRST SHOT!
SURE! BLAST AWAY!
I'M KINDA GLAD HE SPOKE UP! (GULP!) I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD HAVE PULLED THE TRIGGER OR NOT! THOSE CRITTERS LOOK KIND OF CUTE!
I'LL JUST SHOOT OVER THEIR HEADS TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD!
BLAM! BLAM!

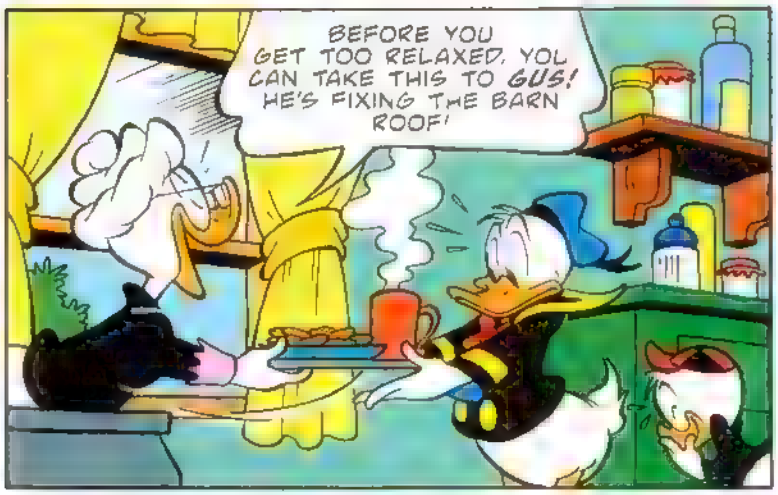
OOPS! LOOKS LIKE I MISSED THEM!
THAT'S OKAY, SON! AT LEAST YOU TRIED... THAT'S THE MAIN THING!
NOW I'VE GOT TO TRY! THIS SUDDEN "SOFT" TURN HAS GOT ME WORRIED!
COME ON, LI'L WOLF! I'LL BAG US A RABBIT OR SOMETHING FOR OUR DINNER TONIGHT!
I'LL RUN AHEAD AND SHOO THEM OUT OF THE BRUSH... LIKE A HUNTING DOG!
SWELL!
JEEPERS! I HOPE I CAN GET THESE LITTLE CREATURES TO RUN AWAY...
UH-OH!
WAIT! STOP! DON'T RUN THAT WAY!
HOT DIGGETY! LI'L WOLF HAS SCADS OF THEM COMING THIS WAY! B-BUT... BUT SOMETHING HAS COME OVER ME... I CAN'T BLAST THEM!
I'LL FIRE OVER THEIR HEADS! I'D RATHER HAVE LI'L WOLF THINK I'M A POOR SHOT... THAN A SOFTIE!
BLAM!

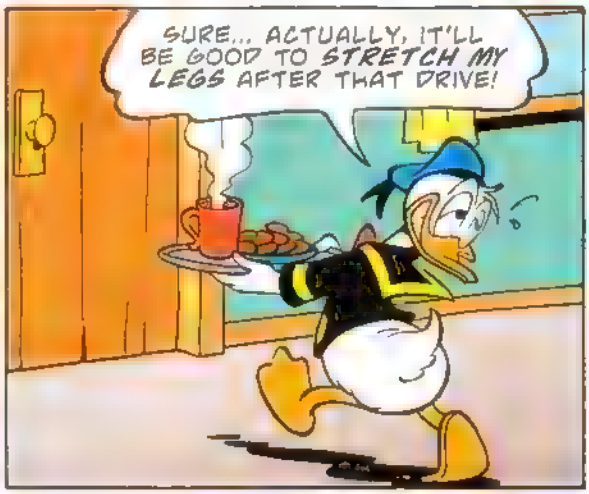
BLAM!
NO WONDER THOSE LITTLE CREATURES WERE RUNNING... A FOX WAS AFTER THEM!
SHOO! SCAT!
NICE GOING, POP! THAT WAS KIND OF YOU TO SCARE THAT FOX AWAY AND SAVE THESE LITTLE CREATURES!
WHAT? YOU'RE GLAD? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MEAN STREAK?
SINCE YOU'VE TURNED KINDHEARTED, I GUESS I CAN CONFESS... I WAS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE MEAN!
YOU MEAN ALL THIS BUDDY-BUDDY BOOK STUFF HASN'T CHANGED YOU ONE BIT?
NOPE! I GUESS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IT CHANGED!
AND SO...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE COMPANY FOR DINNER, POP!
AND I KNOW JUST THE THING TO SERVE THEM... BURNT BOOK SANDWICHES!

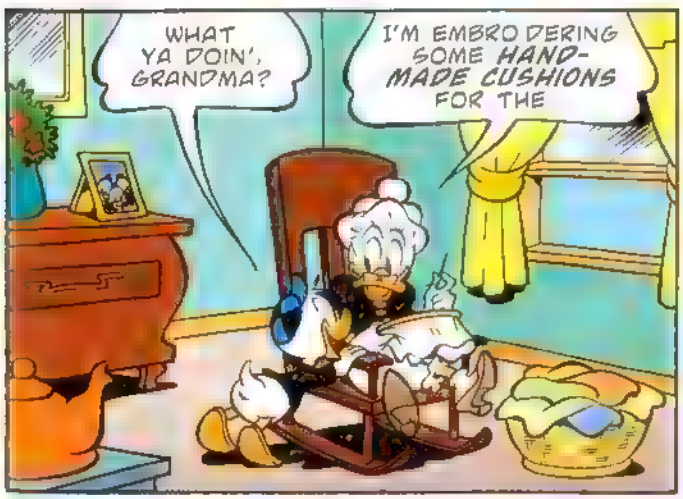
Walt Disney's

Grandma Duck in FERDY









HIYA, FERDY! YA SOFT, DOCILE OL' THING!
HEY, GUS! I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!
DONALD!
WHOOPS!
WA-AK!
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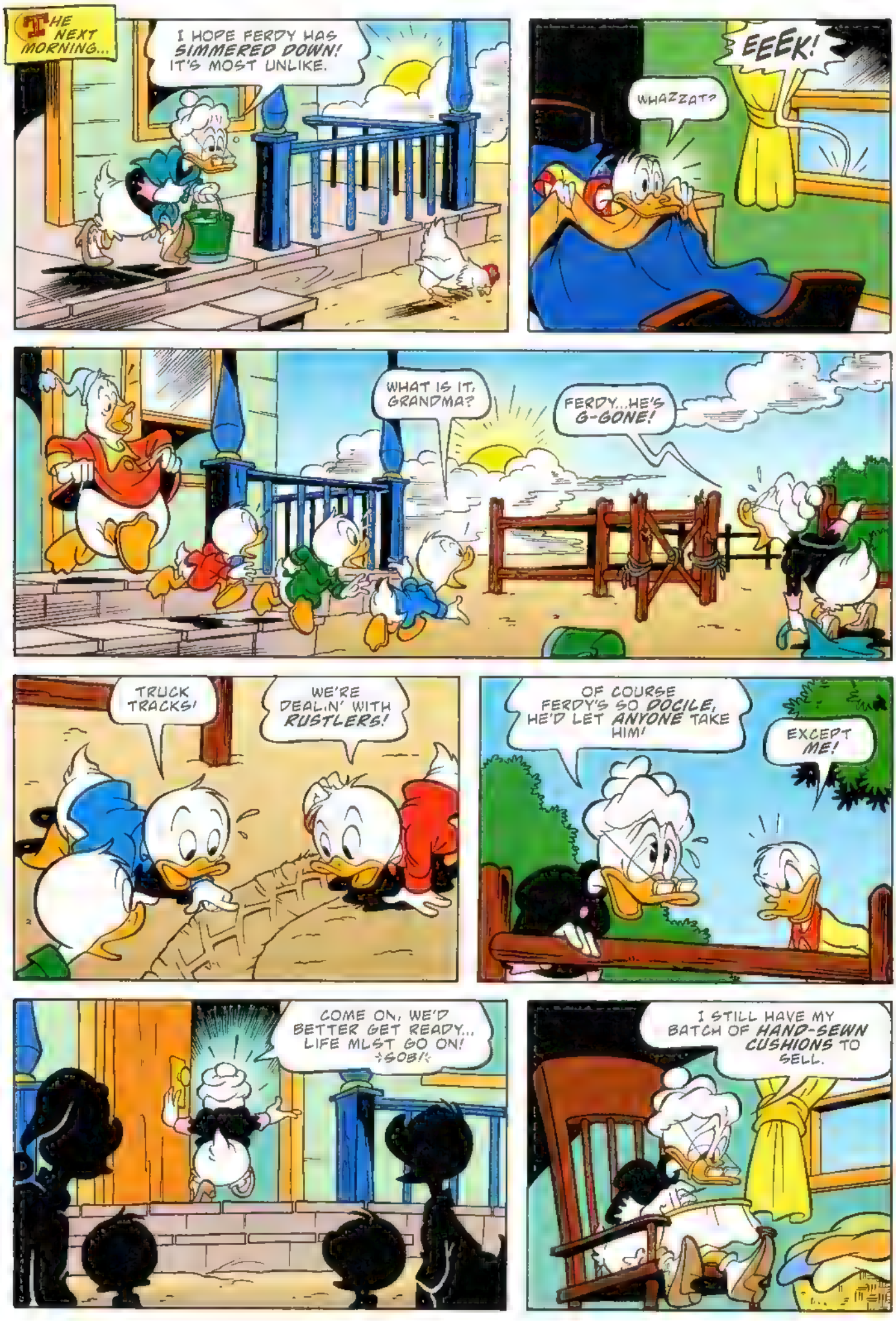
!?SMASH!
WHULP! TH' WORLD'S FRIENDLIEST BULL JUST TURNED INTO A RAGIN' FIEND!
SNORT! ROAR!
SPLINTER!

HELP!
RAGE! BELLOW!
I KNOW THIS SOUNDS ODD, BUT FERDY IS CHASIN' UNCA DONALD ALL ROUND TH' FARM!
I'LL SOON PUT A STOP TO ANY SHENANIGANS...!
JUST WHAT DO YOU TH NK YOU'RE DOING?
URK!
SCREEECH!
WOWEE!
GRANDMA STOPPED A RAGIN' BULL WITH ONE OF HER LOOKS!
I'LL SAY... IT GAVE ME A HEADACHE TOO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO FERDY, BUT I SUGGEST YOU KEEP OUT OF HIS WAY IN THE FUTURE!
ME? I'M AN INNOCENT VICTIM HERE!
NEVER MIND! NOW WHO'S FOR SOME OF MY SPECIAL PUMPKIN PIE?


THE NEXT MORNING...
I HOPE FERDY HAS SIMMERED DOWN! IT'S MOST UNLIKE.
EEEK!
WHAZZAT?
WHAT IS IT, GRANDMA?
FERDY...HE'S G-GONE!
TRUCK TRACKS!
WE'RE DEALIN' WITH RUSTLERS!
OF COURSE FERDY'S SO DOCILE, HE'D LET ANYONE TAKE HIM!
EXCEPT ME!
COME ON, WE'D BETTER GET READY... LIFE MUST GO ON! SOB!
I STILL HAVE MY BATCH OF HAND-SEWN CUSHIONS TO SELL.

"...AT THE WEBFOOT COUNTY FAIR!"
YOU ALL GO AND ENJOY YOURSELVES WHILE I TAKE MY CUSHIONS TO THE CRAFTS TENT! ~SIGH!~
YAY! TOFFEE-APPLES!
MMMM! YOU SAID IT!
POOR GRANDMA, LOSING FERDY HAS REALLY TAKEN TH' WIND OUT OF HER SAILS!
YEAH... TOO BAD TH' RUSTLERS DIDN'T DROP A MUG OF HOT COFFEE ON HIS HEAD!
IF I HAD MORE MONEY, I'D BUY GRANDMA A BULL TO REPLACE FERDY!
HONEST ABE'S BARGAIN BULLS
STEADY THERE, FELLA!
SNORT! FUME!
TH-THAT BULL... I DON'T LIKE TH' LOOK OF HIM!
HE DOESN'T LIKE TH' LOOK OF YOU, EITHER!

BELLOW!
CRACK!
NO-OO!
HONEST ABE'S BARGAIN BULLS
ROAR!
JUST WHAT IS IT BULLS DON'T LIKE ABOUT ME?
LOOK, CHIEF!
RUMBLE!
WEBFOOT COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE
I'VE WAITED YEARS FOR AN INCIDENT LIKE THIS!
MAN THE HOSE, LADS!
WEBFOOT COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE
WHOOSH!
SNORT! RAGE!

THAT BULL
T'S FERDY!
TH' CAT'S OUT OF TH' BAG! I'M GITTIN' WHILE TH' GITTIN'S GOOD!
GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE OR I'M A DEAD DUCK!
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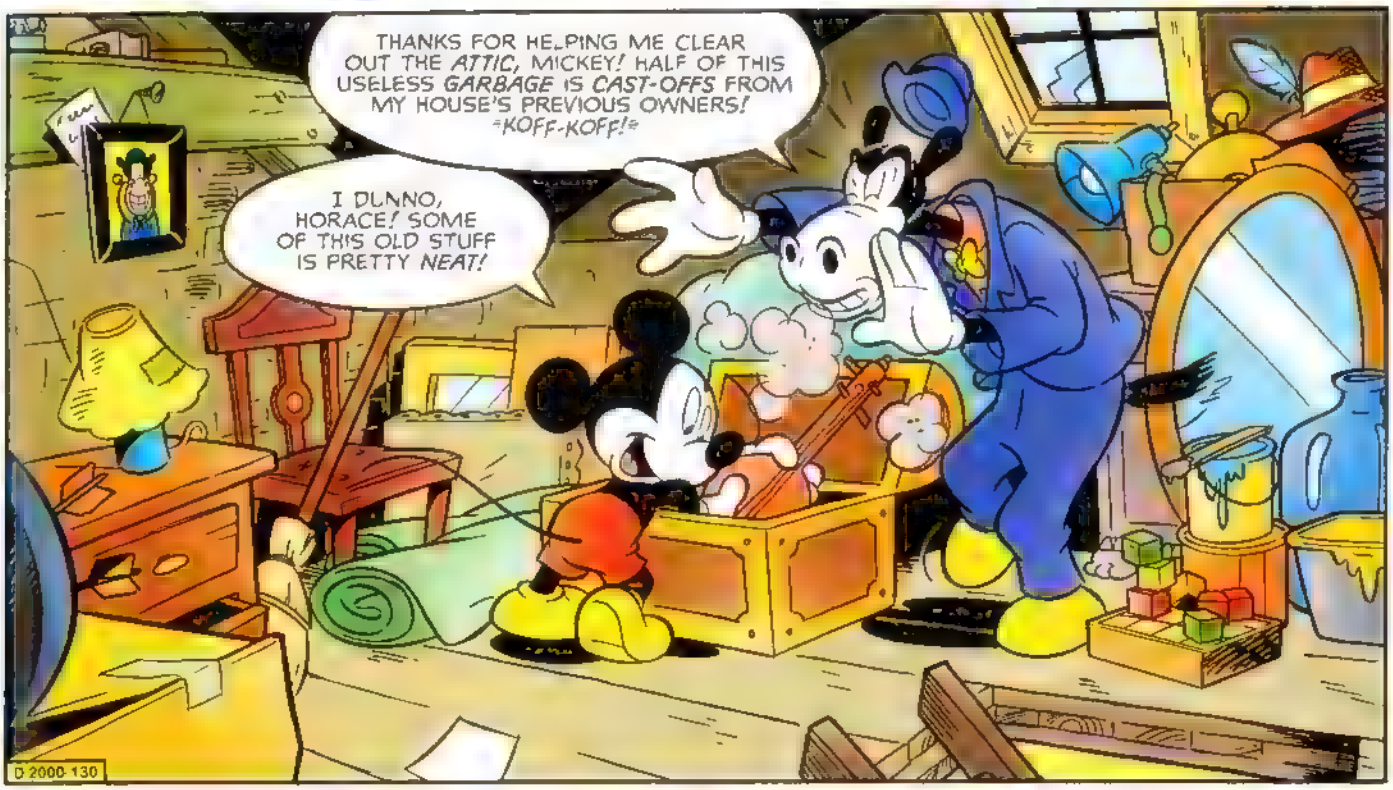
GET OFF MY TRUCK, BOZO. I'M TRYIN' TO REVERSE OUT OF HERE!
NOOOOO!
SMASH!
OUCH! THAT SMARTS!

THAT'S ENOUGH NOW! WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE HERE!
:ULP!:
A NICE SAFE CELL... PROMISE YOU'LL TAKE ME TO A NICE SAFE CELL!
MR. DUCK! I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RECOVERING MY STOLEN BULL!
AND ME!
THE WEBFOOT FARMERS ASSOC ATION OWES YOU A DEBT OF GRATI-TUDE!
AND I'VE GOT MY BELOVED FERDY BACK, DONALD! HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
IF YOU'VE ANY OF THOSE EMBROIDERED CUSHIONS LEFT...I'D FEEL MUCH BETTER IF I WAS ABLE TO SIT DOWN!
:TEE-HEE!:

Walt Disney's Horace Horsecollar in BLOCKHEADS


THANKS FOR HELPING ME CLEAR OUT THE ATTIC, MICKEY! HALF OF THIS USELESS GARBAGE IS CAST-OFFS FROM MY HOUSE'S PREVIOUS OWNERS! =KOFF-KOFF!=
I DUNNO, HORACE! SOME OF THIS OLD STUFF IS PRETTY NEAT!
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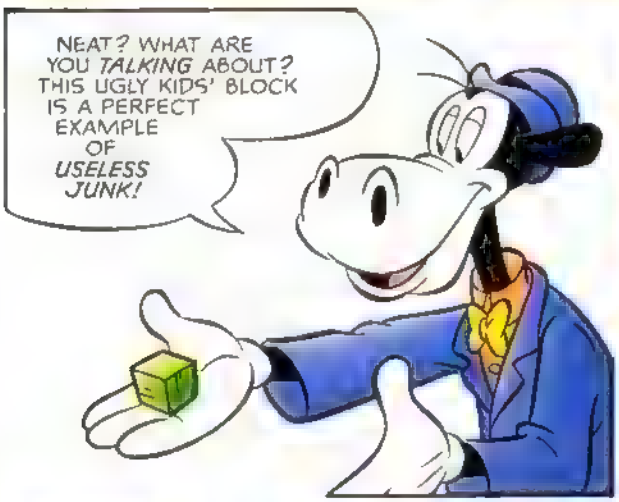
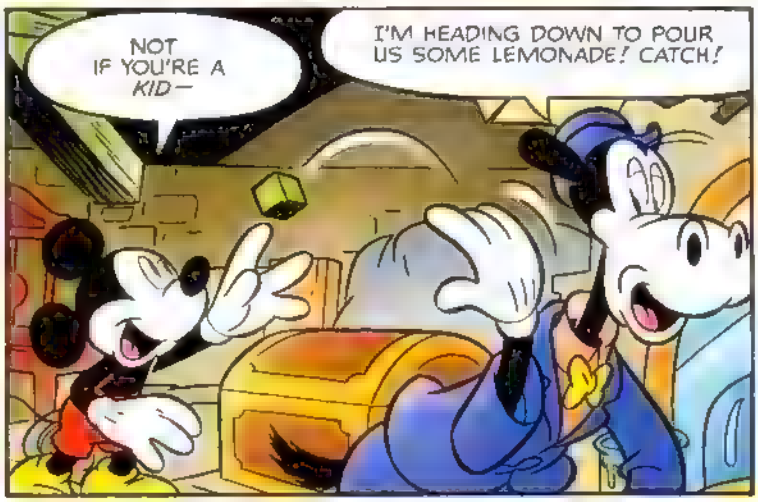
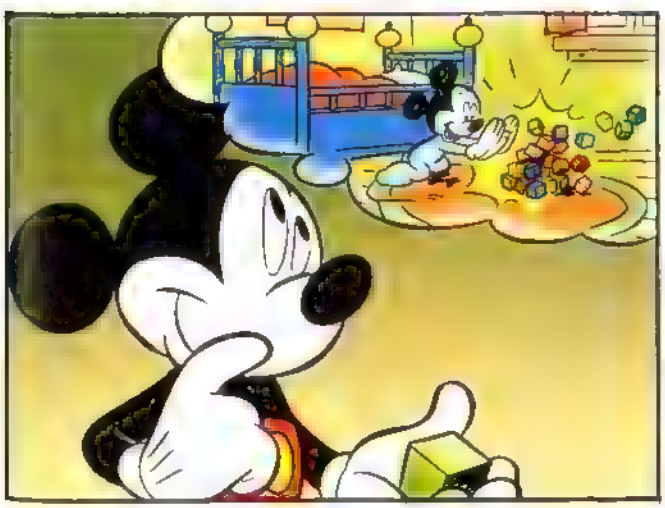
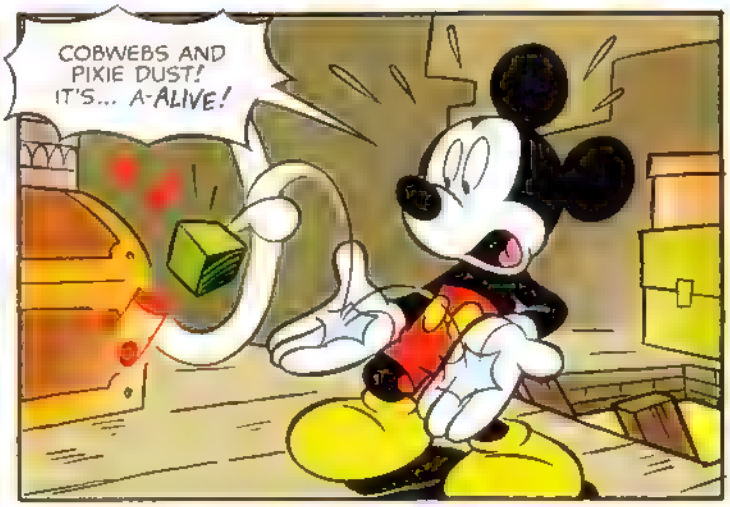
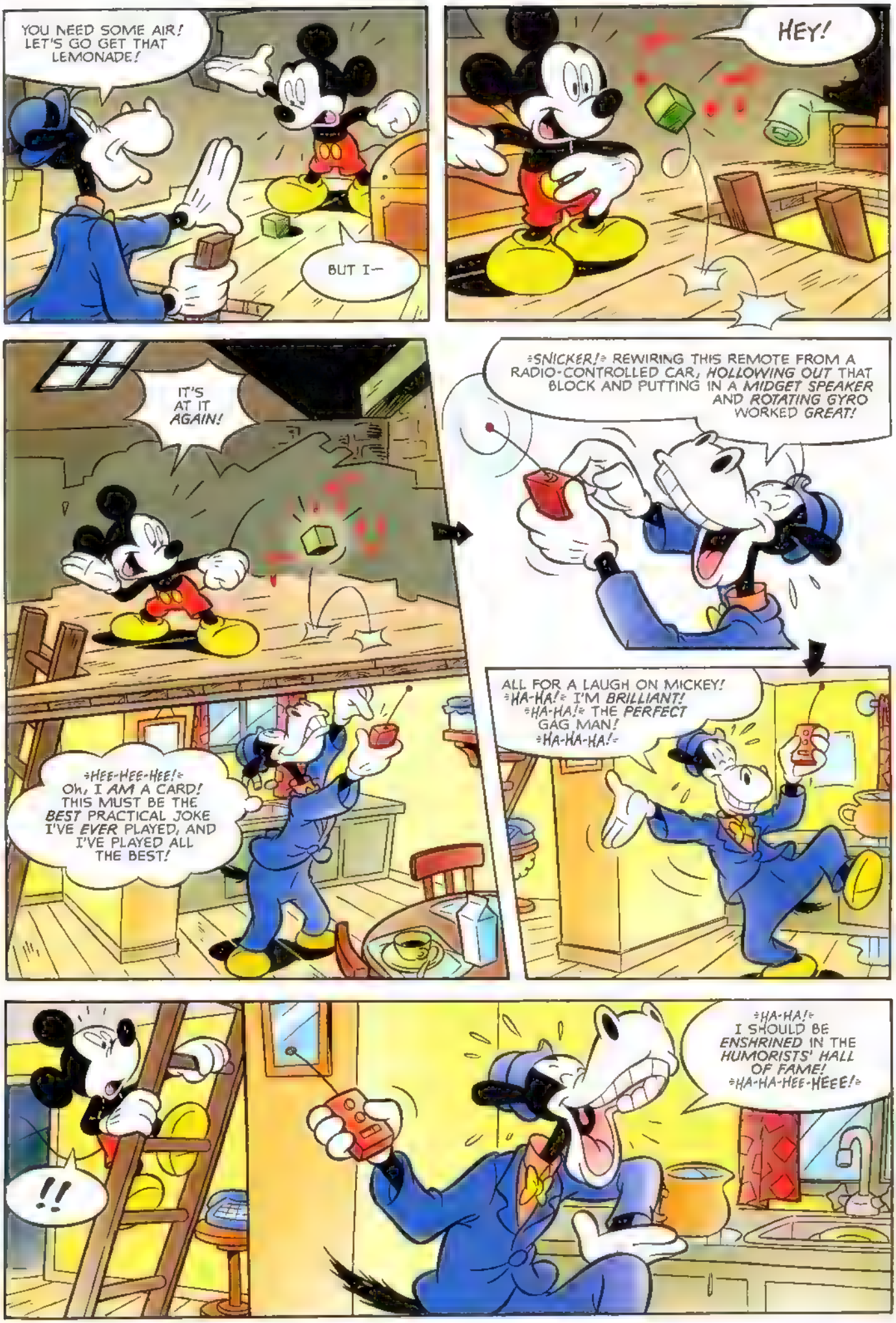








"HAH!" USELESS, HORACE SAID! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS! IT'S A LOST TECHNOLOGY OR SOMETHING! IT'S BRILLIANT!
HORACE! COME QUICK! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE IT!
HOLD YOUR HORSES! WHAT'S THE HUBBUB, BUB?
BUT... BUT IT WAS DANCING! IT HAD MOTION! MUSIC!
DID IT NOW!
THERE MUST BE A SWITCH OR A LEVER HERE! IT'S SOME KIND OF INVENTION—
YOU DON'T SAY! HERE, LET ME EXAMINE IT WITH MY KEEN, SCIENTIFIC EYE!
"AHA!" NOW I UNDERSTAND!
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR GOURD, MICKEY! YOU'VE BEEN INHALING TOO MUCH DUST!


YOU NEED SOME AIR! LET'S GO GET THAT LEMONADE!
BUT I—
HEY!
IT'S AT IT AGAIN!
=SNICKER!= REWIRING THIS REMOTE FROM A RADIO-CONTROLLED CAR, HOLLOWING OUT THAT BLOCK AND PUTTING IN A MIDGET SPEAKER AND ROTATING GYRO WORKED GREAT!
=HEE-HEE-HEE!= Oh, I AM A CARD! THIS MUST BE THE BEST PRACTICAL JOKE I'VE EVER PLAYED, AND I'VE PLAYED ALL THE BEST!
ALL FOR A LAUGH ON MICKEY! =HA-HA!= I'M BRILLIANT! =HA-HA!= THE PERFECT GAG MAN! =HA-HA-HA!=
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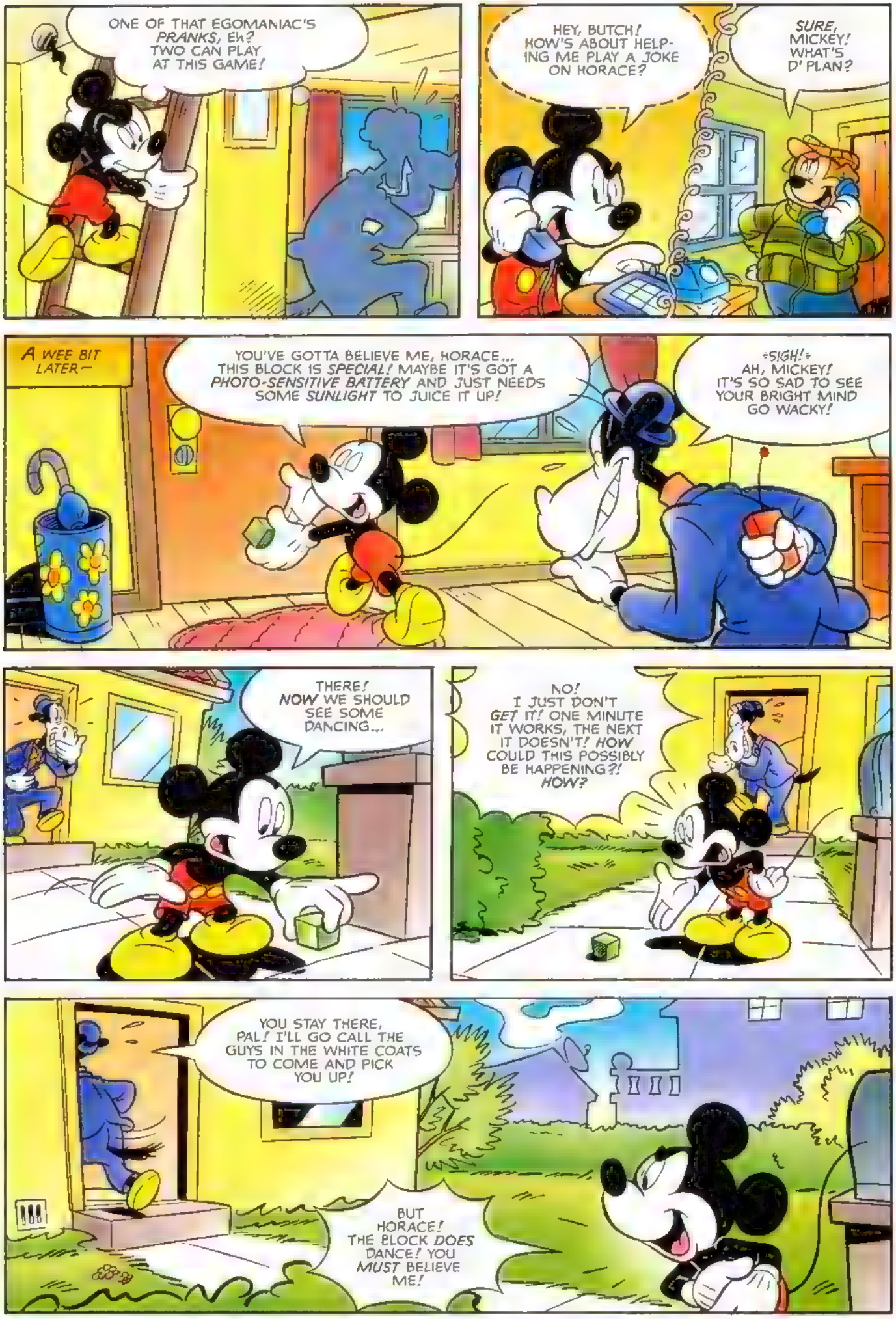
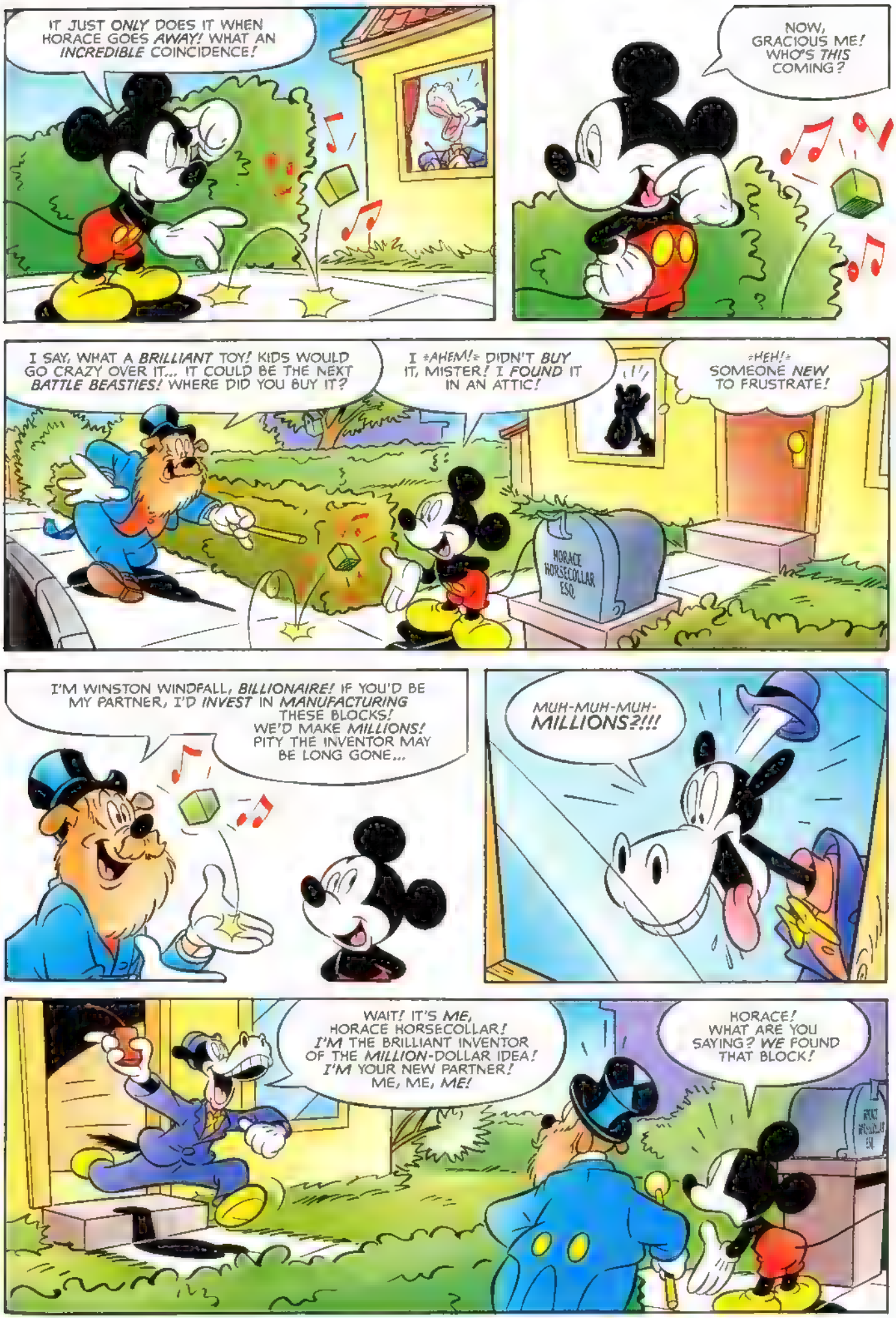
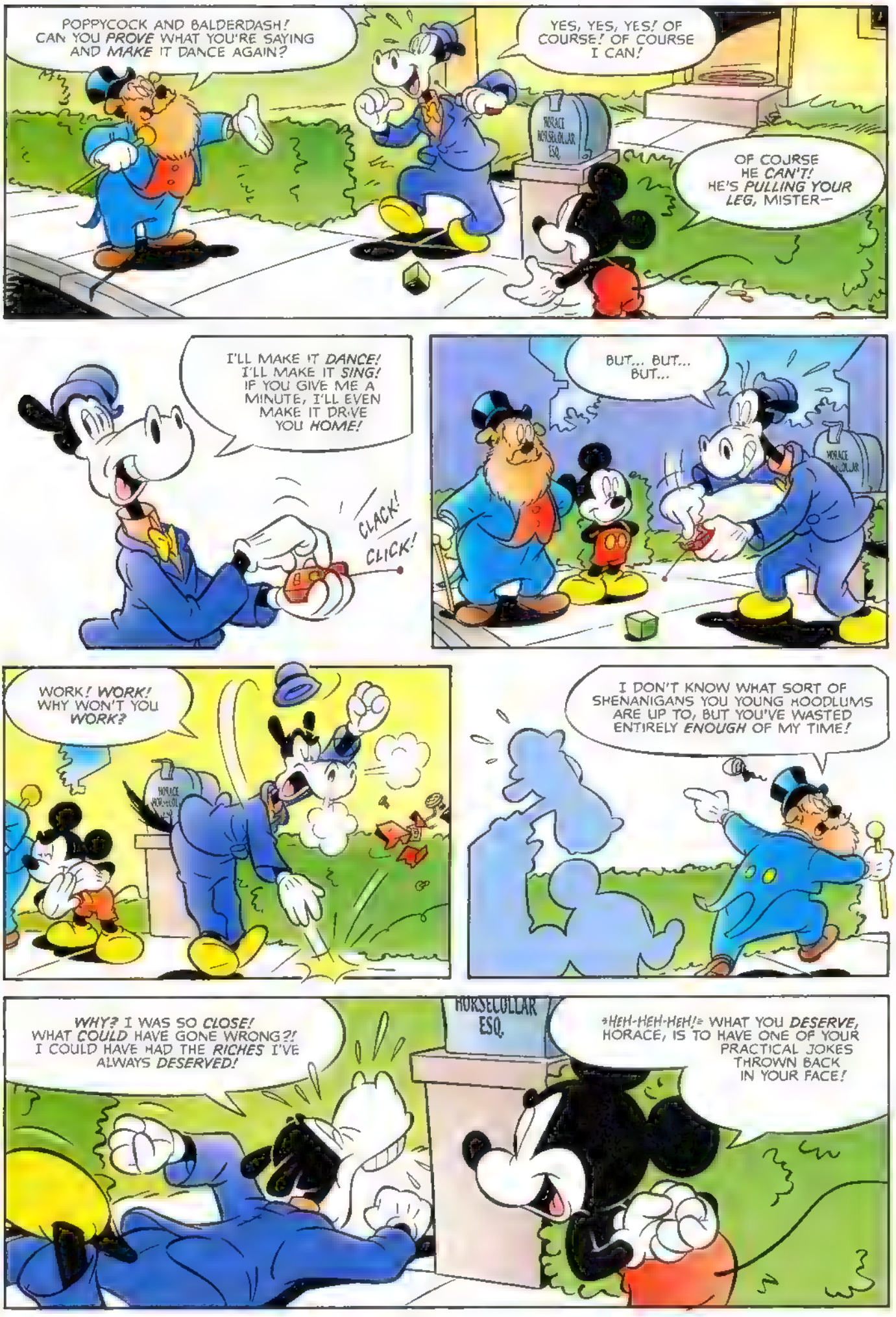
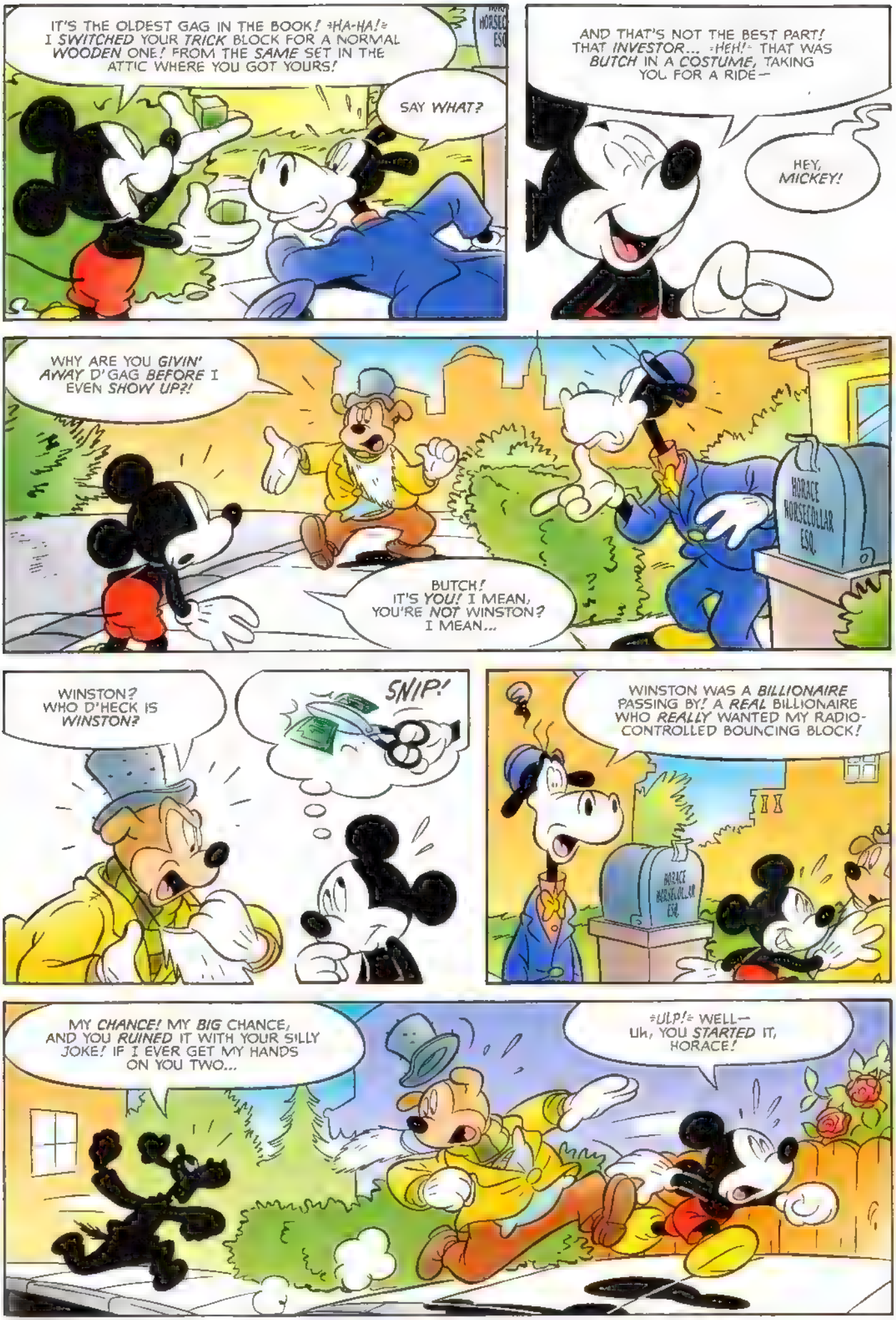
=HA-HA!= I SHOULD BE ENSHRINED IN THE HUMORISTS' HALL OF FAME! =HA-HA-HEE-HEEE!=

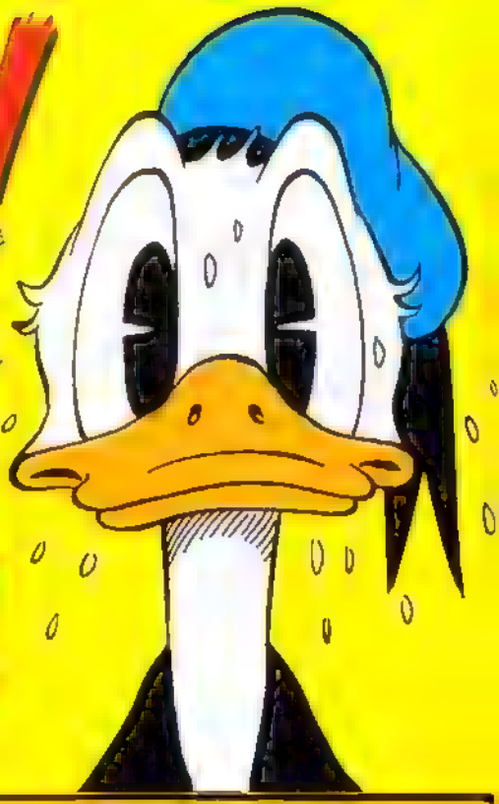

ONE OF THAT EGOMANIAC'S PRANKS, Eh? TWO CAN PLAY AT THIS GAME!
HEY, BUTCH! HOW'S ABOUT HELPING ME PLAY A JOKE ON HORACE?
SURE, MICKEY! WHAT'S D' PLAN?
A WEE BIT LATER—
YOU'VE GOTTA BELIEVE ME, HORACE... THIS BLOCK IS SPECIAL! MAYBE IT'S GOT A PHOTO-SENSITIVE BATTERY AND JUST NEEDS SOME SUNLIGHT TO JUICE IT UP!
SIGH! AH, MICKEY! IT'S SO SAD TO SEE YOUR BRIGHT MIND GO WACKY!
THERE! NOW WE SHOULD SEE SOME DANCING...
NO! I JUST DON'T GET IT! ONE MINUTE IT WORKS, THE NEXT IT DOESN'T! HOW COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE HAPPENING?! HOW?
YOU STAY THERE, PAL! I'LL GO CALL THE GUYS IN THE WHITE COATS TO COME AND PICK YOU UP!
BUT HORACE! THE BLOCK DOES DANCE! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!

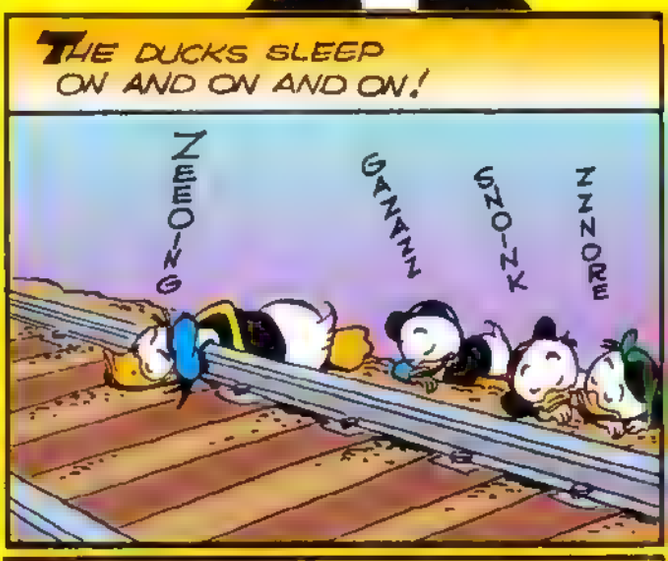

IT JUST ONLY DOES IT WHEN HORACE GOES AWAY! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE COINCIDENCE!
NOW, GRACIOUS ME! WHO'S THIS COMING?
I SAY, WHAT A BRILLIANT TOY! KIDS WOULD GO CRAZY OVER IT... IT COULD BE THE NEXT BATTLE BEASTIES! WHERE DID YOU BUY IT?
I *AHEM!* DIDN'T BUY IT, MISTER! I FOUND IT IN AN ATTIC!
HEH! SOMEONE NEW TO FRUSTRATE!
HORACE HORSECOLLAR ESQ.
I'M WINSTON WINDFALL, BILLIONAIRE! IF YOU'D BE MY PARTNER, I'D INVEST IN MANUFACTURING THESE BLOCKS! WE'D MAKE MILLIONS! PITY THE INVENTOR MAY BE LONG GONE...
MUH-MUH-MUH-MILLIONS?!!!
WAIT! IT'S ME, HORACE HORSECOLLAR! I'M THE BRILLIANT INVENTOR OF THE MILLION-DOLLAR IDEA! I'M YOUR NEW PARTNER! ME, ME, ME!
HORACE! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WE FOUND THAT BLOCK!

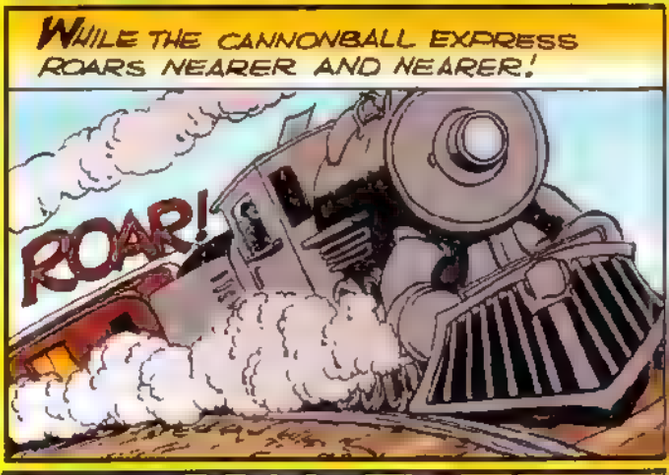

POPPYCOCK AND BALDERDASH! CAN YOU *PROVE* WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND *MAKE* IT DANCE AGAIN?
YES, YES, YES! OF COURSE! OF COURSE I CAN!
HORACE HORSECOLLAR ESQ.
OF COURSE HE *CAN'T!* HE'S *PULLING YOUR LEG,* MISTER—
I'LL MAKE IT *DANCE!* I'LL MAKE IT *SING!* IF YOU GIVE ME A MINUTE, I'LL EVEN MAKE IT DRIVE YOU *HOME!*
CLACK! CLICK!
BUT... BUT... BUT...
WORK! *WORK!* WHY WON'T YOU *WORK?*
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF SHENANIGANS YOU YOUNG HOODLUMS ARE UP TO, BUT YOU'VE WASTED ENTIRELY *ENOUGH* OF MY TIME!
WHY? I WAS SO *CLOSE!* WHAT *COULD* HAVE GONE WRONG?! I COULD HAVE HAD THE *RICHES* I'VE ALWAYS *DESERVED!*
HORSECOLLAR ESQ.
HEH-HEH-HEH! WHAT YOU *DESERVE,* HORACE, IS TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR PRACTICAL JOKES THROWN BACK IN YOUR FACE!

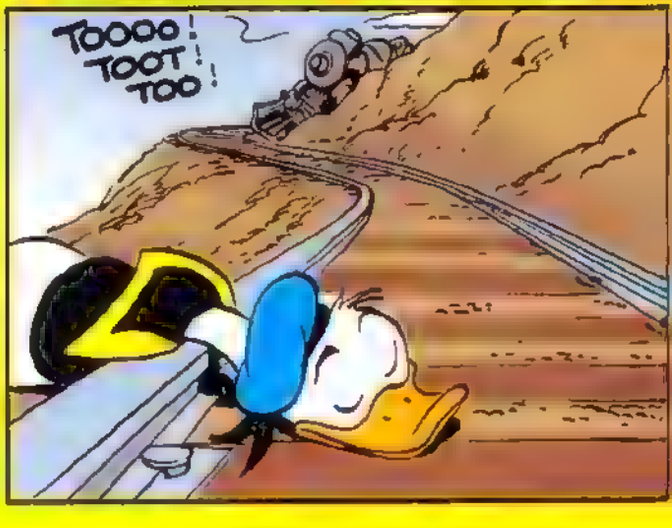

IT'S THE OLDEST GAG IN THE BOOK! =HA-HA!= I SWITCHED YOUR TRICK BLOCK FOR A NORMAL WOODEN ONE! FROM THE SAME SET IN THE ATTIC WHERE YOU GOT YOURS!
SAY WHAT?
AND THAT'S NOT THE BEST PART! THAT INVESTOR... =HEH!= THAT WAS BUTCH IN A COSTUME, TAKING YOU FOR A RIDE—
HEY, MICKEY!
WHY ARE YOU GIVIN' AWAY D'GAG BEFORE I EVEN SHOW UP?!
HORACE HORSECOLLAR ESQ.
BUTCH! IT'S YOU! I MEAN, YOU'RE NOT WINSTON? I MEAN...
WINSTON? WHO D'HECK IS WINSTON?
SNIP!
WINSTON WAS A BILLIONAIRE PASSING BY! A REAL BILLIONAIRE WHO REALLY WANTED MY RADIO-CONTROLLED BOUNCING BLOCK!
MY CHANCE! MY BIG CHANCE, AND YOU RUINED IT WITH YOUR SILLY JOKE! IF I EVER GET MY HANDS ON YOU TWO...
=ULP!= WELL— UH, YOU STARTED IT, HORACE!

ACTION! SUSPENSE! ADVENTURE!









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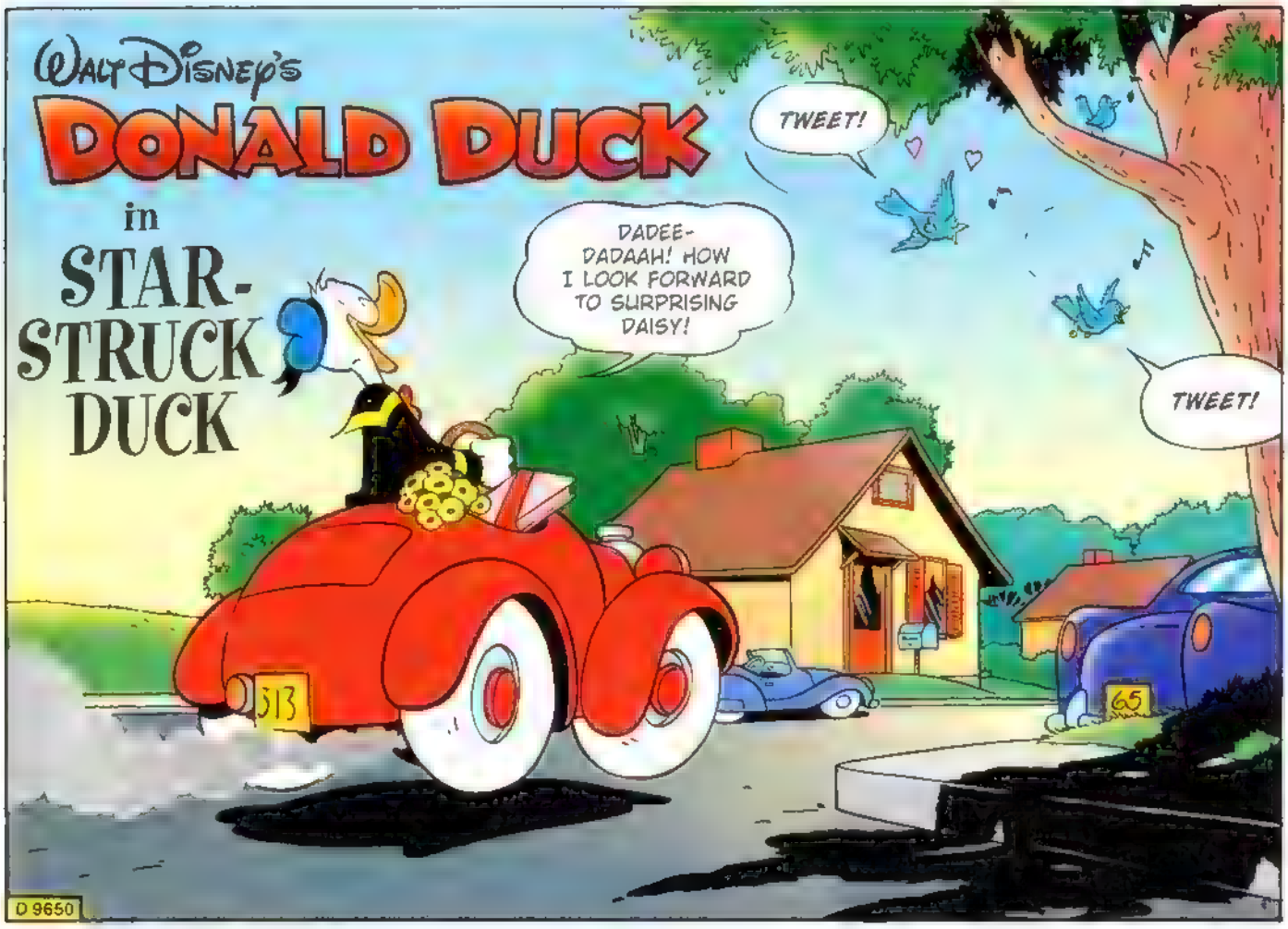
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DONALD DUCK
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TWEET!
DADEE-DADAAH! HOW I LOOK FORWARD TO SURPRISING DAISY!
TWEET!
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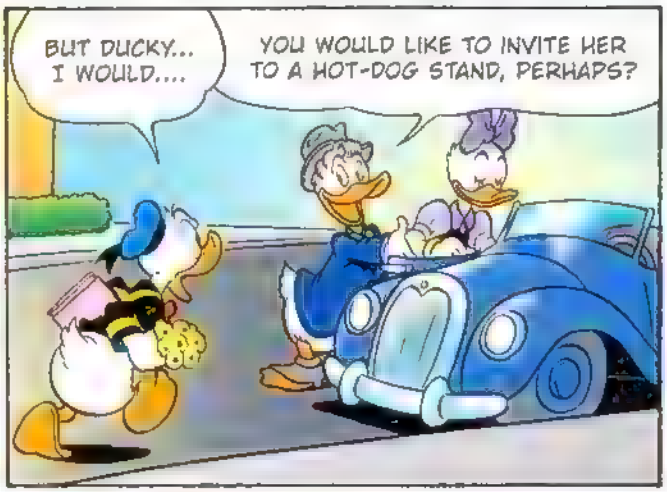
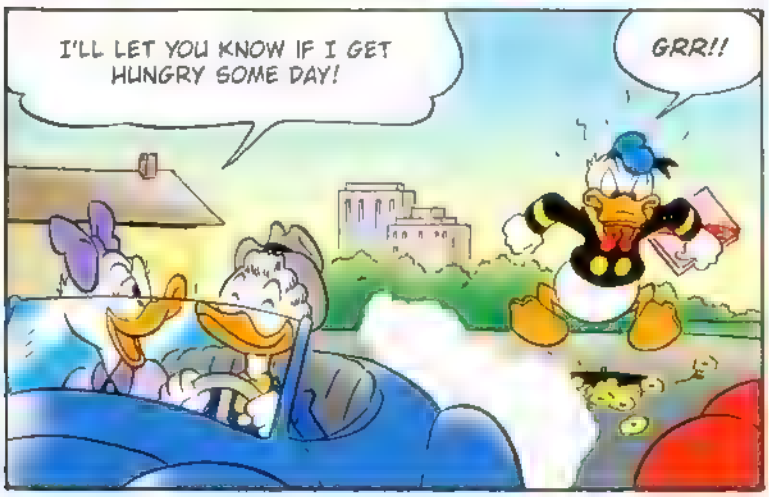
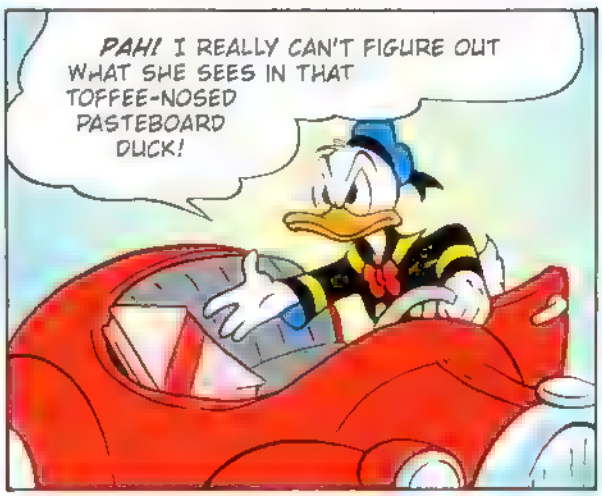
WAK! WHERE ARE YOU TWO GOING?
GLADSTONE HAS INVITED ME TO DINNER AT A SELECT RESTAURANT!
DAISY DUCK


BUT DUCKY... I WOULD....
YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE HER TO A HOT-DOG STAND, PERHAPS?


I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I GET HUNGRY SOME DAY!
GRR!!


PAH! I REALLY CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE SEES IN THAT TOFFEE-NOSED PASTEBOARD DUCK!

SHORTLY...
HEY, ISN'T THAT JANE DUCK, THE FAMOUS FILM STAR?
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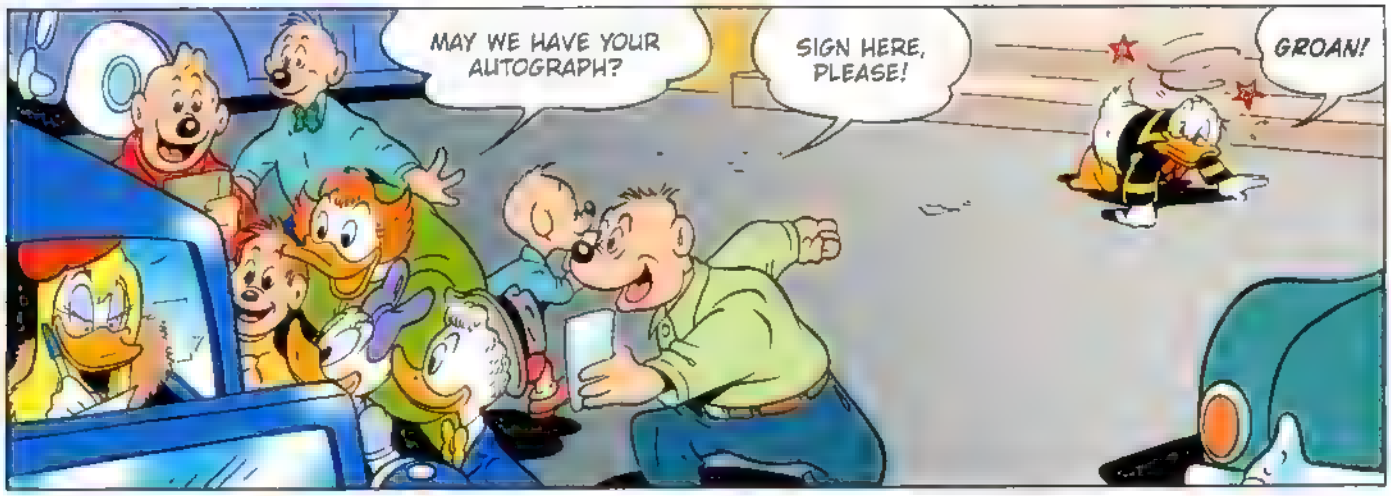
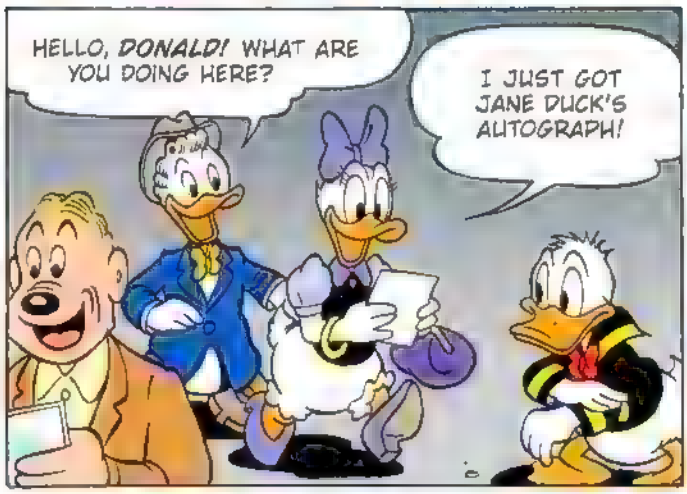
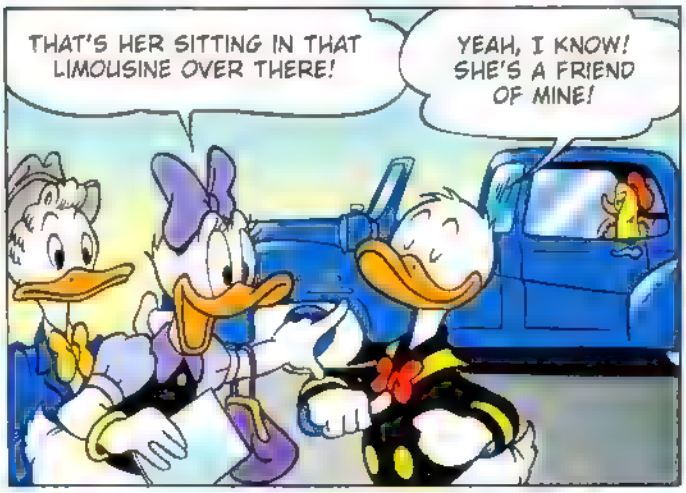
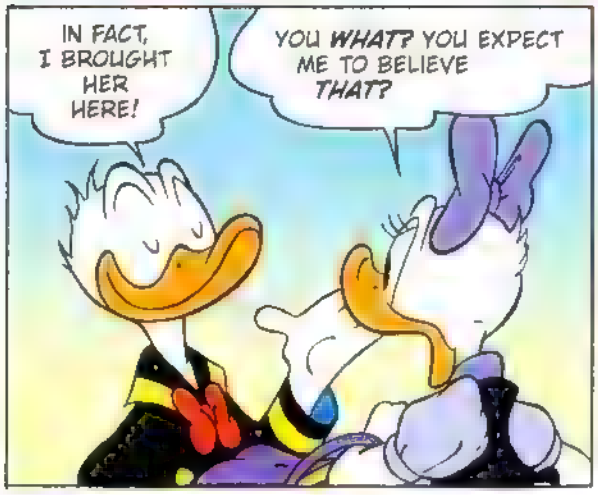
SAY, CAN I BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE?
NO! BEAT IT!
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CAR ENGINES? MY CHAUFFEUR IS HOPELESS!
DO I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CAR ENGINES!
THAT'S LIKE ASKING STRADIVARIUS IF HE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT PIANOS!
NOW, LET ME SEE...OOPS! I'VE DROPPED THE WRENCH!
HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT? I FIXED IT!
GASP!
SPUTTER!
VROOMM!
YOU'RE FIRED! YOU'RE COMPLETELY INCOMPETENT!
!

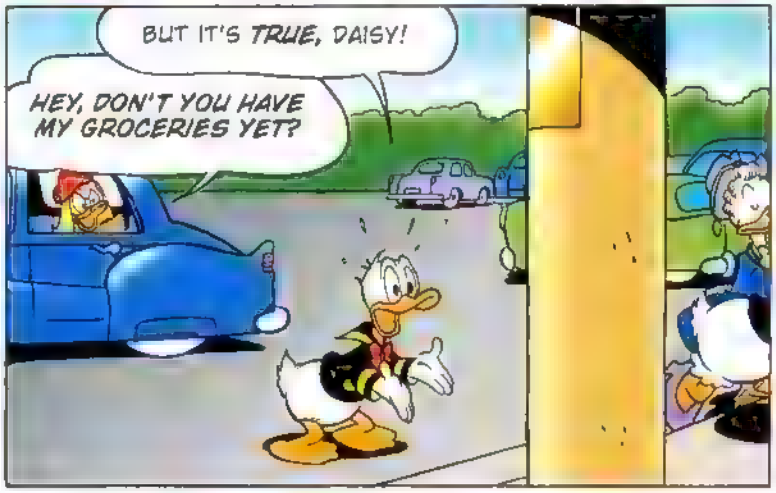
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY CHAUFFEUR WHILE I ADVERTISE FOR A REPLACEMENT?
YES, PLEASE!
SO...
IF DAISY COULD SEE ME NOW...WITH THIS GLAMOROUS DUCK! HOW JEALOUS SHE'D BE! AND SOON COME RUNNING BACK TO ME!
WHERE TO, MISS DUCK?
TO THE SUPERMARKET TO COLLECT MY GROCERIES!
AND MAKE IT SNAPPY, CHAUFFEUR!
-:GULP!:- Y-YES, MA'AM!
SOON...
HEY, THERE'S GLADSTONE'S CAR!
IF YOU'D STEP THIS WAY, MISS DUCK?
JUST GET THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST!
THERE'S GLADSTONE AND DAISY! WHAT A CHANCE TO IMPRESS!
I'LL HIDE MY CHAUFFEUR'S HAT!
SUDDENLY...
IT'S JANE DUCK! SHE'S IN THE PARKING LOT!
SHRIEK!
TRAMPLE!
GASP!


MAY WE HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
SIGN HERE, PLEASE!
GROAN!


HELLO, DONALD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I JUST GOT JANE DUCK'S AUTOGRAPH!


THAT'S HER SITTING IN THAT LIMOUSINE OVER THERE!
YEAH, I KNOW! SHE'S A FRIEND OF MINE!


IN FACT, I BROUGHT HER HERE!
YOU WHAT? YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?


BUT IT'S TRUE, DAISY!
HEY, DON'T YOU HAVE MY GROCERIES YET?

SO, AFTER A WHILE...
IT COMES TO $120!
DOES IT? WELL, I DON'T CARRY MONEY AROUND! IT'S SO VULGAR!

YOU PAY IT!
-GULP!- ME??

SO...
I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS PART OF BEING A CHAUFFEUR!
THEN, A LITTLE LATER...
HELLO, THERE'S DAISY AND GLADSTONE, AGAIN!
WHY ARE WE STOPPING?
ER...THERE'S A NICE SHOP HERE I'M SURE YOU'LL BE INTERESTED IN!
WHAT KIND OF SHOP?
IT'S...ER... JUST OVER HERE!
THIS IS IT, MISS DUCK!
HEY!
-GASP!- DONALD! ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?
HELLO, AGAIN!
I WAS JUST PASSING WITH MY FRIEND JANE DUCK!
WHO?
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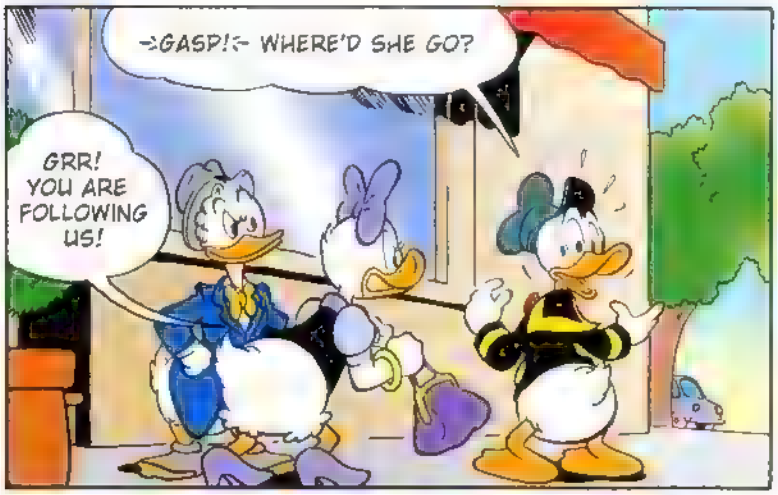
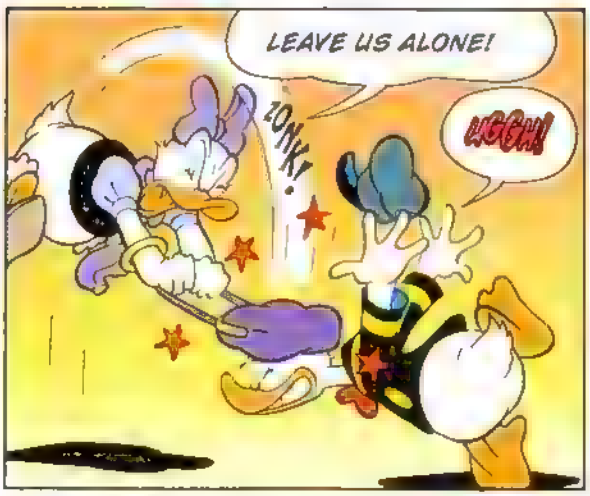
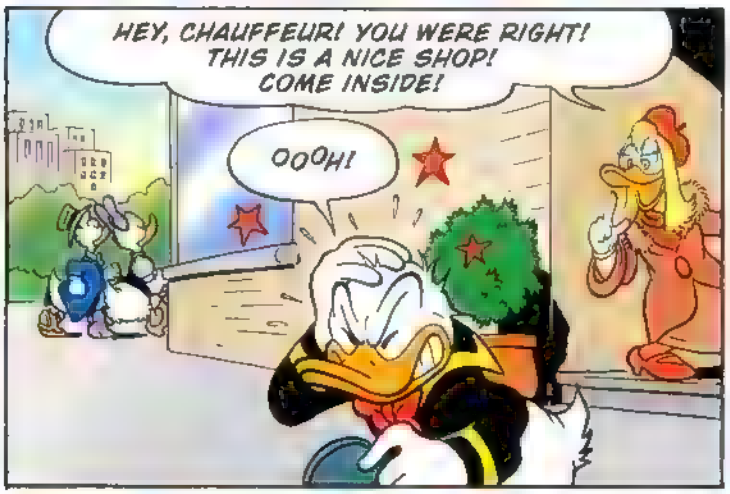
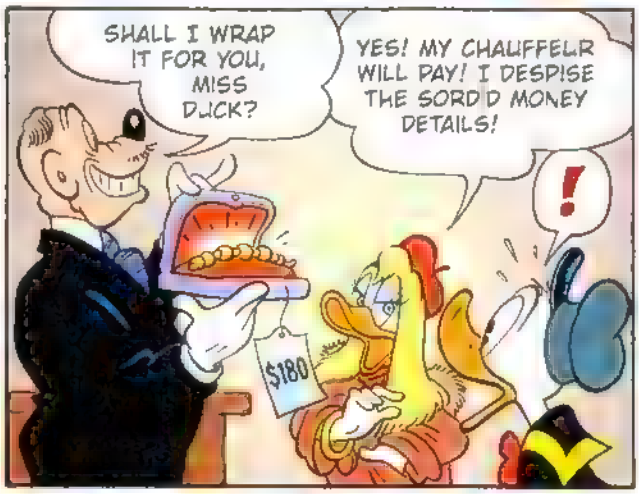

-:GASP!:- WHERE'D SHE GO?
GRR! YOU ARE FOLLOWING US!


LEAVE US ALONE!
ZONK!
UGGH!


HEY, CHAUFFEUR! YOU WERE RIGHT! THIS IS A NICE SHOP! COME INSIDE!
OOOH!


SHALL I WRAP IT FOR YOU, MISS DUCK?
YES! MY CHAUFFEUR WILL PAY! I DESPISE THE SORDID MONEY DETAILS!
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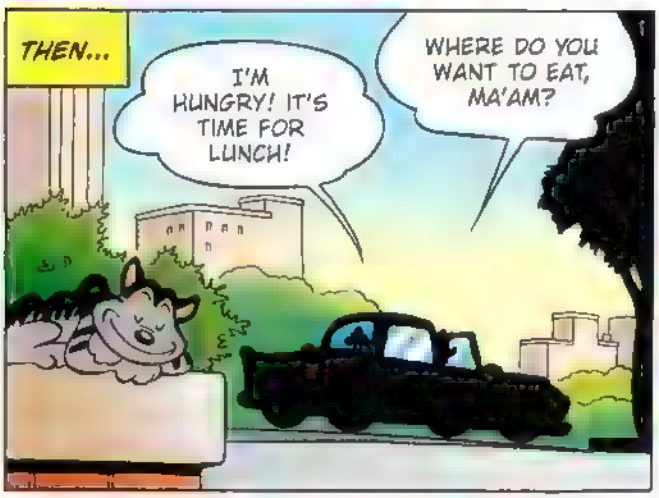
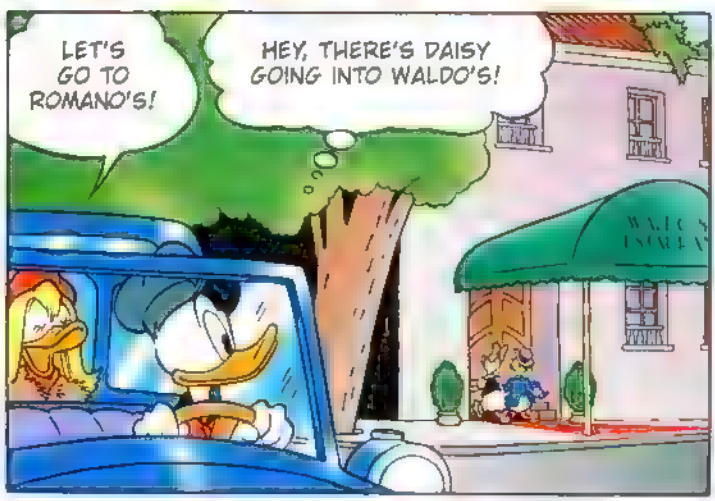
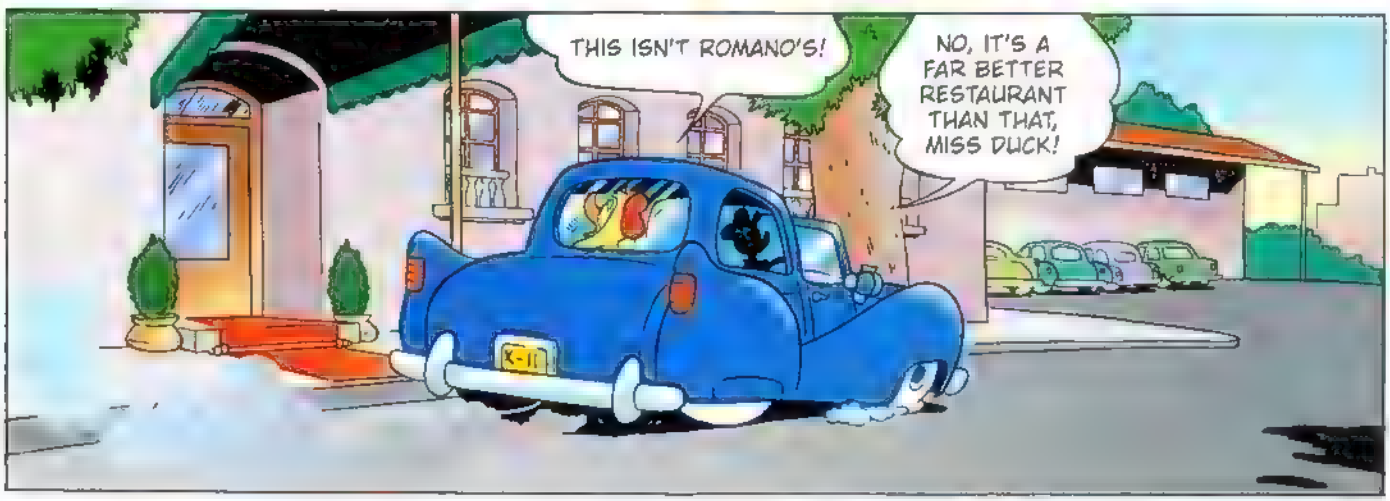
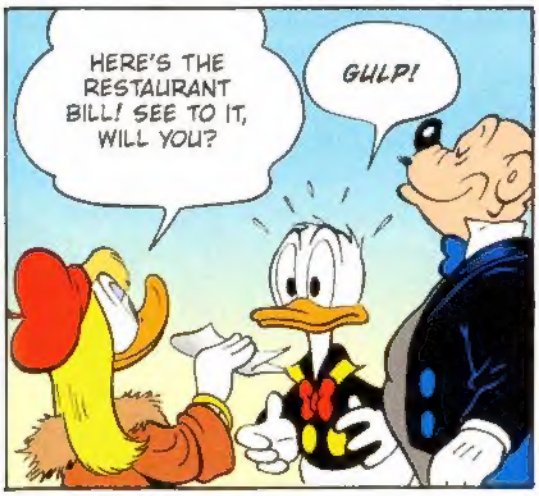

THEN...
I'M HUNGRY! IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH!
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO EAT, MA'AM?

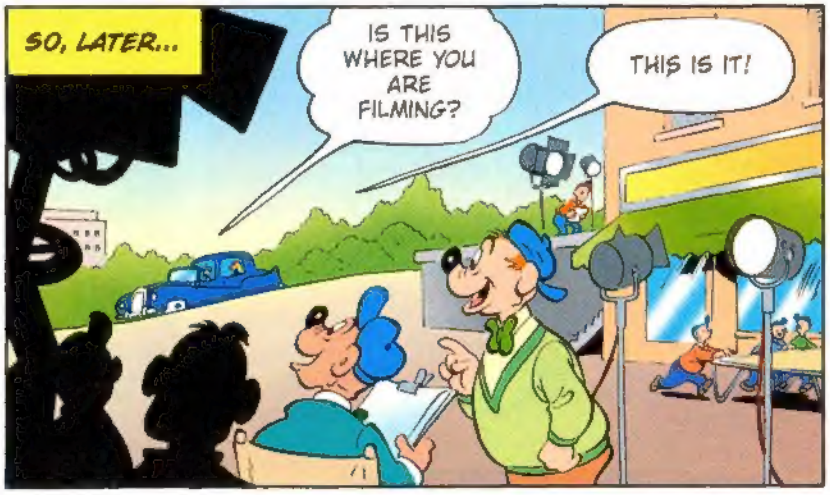

LET'S GO TO ROMANO'S!
HEY, THERE'S DAISY GOING INTO WALDO'S!


THIS ISN'T ROMANO'S!
NO, IT'S A FAR BETTER RESTAURANT THAN THAT, MISS DUCK!

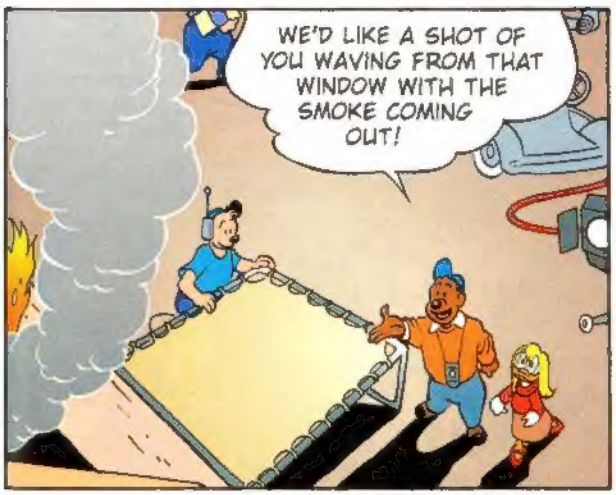
I SUGGEST WE DINE HERE AS IT'S THE BEST IN TOWN!
IT IS?
YOU PARK THE CAR! I'LL GO ON IN!
YES, MA'AM!
THIS WILL REALLY IMPRESS DAISY! ME HAVING LUNCH WITH A FAMOUS FILM STAR!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER FACE! HEH, HEH!
I'M WITH JANE DUCK!
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO KID?
I'M NOT LETTING MY FAMOUS CLIENTELE BE TROUBLED BY A RIFFRAFF OFF THE STREET!
GASP!
SMOOSH!
HALF AN HOUR LATER...
ALLOW ME, MADAME!
WHY, THANK YOU!
!

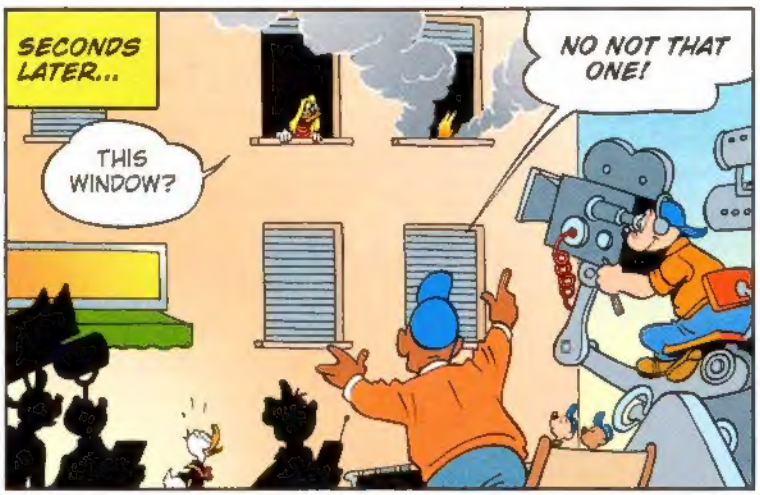
YOU AGAIN!
HI, DAISY! I'M HERE WITH MY FRIEND JANE DUCK!
PERHAPS YOU SAW HER IN THERE? I'M NOT HUNGRY SO I SAID I'D WAIT OUT HERE!
YOU'RE STILL FOLLOWING US!
N-NO, I'M NOT, HONESTLY! I'M WITH JANE DUCK!
I'M GETTING A LITTLE TIRED OF THAT STORY!
THWAK!
IT'S PATHETIC! LEAVE US ALONE!
AAGH!
ZONK!
DONALD WITH JANE DUCK! SOME HOPE! HEH, HEH!
GROAN!
YES, HE'S MY CHAUFFEUR!
I'M SO SORRY! IT'S ALL BEEN A BIG MISTAKE, SIR!
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU REALLY WERE WITH MISS JANE DUCK!
DAISY! LOOK AT THIS! DAISY!
VROOM!

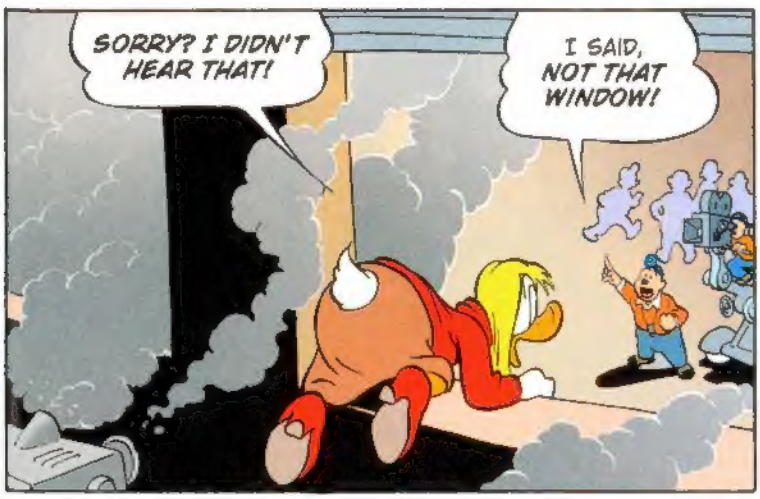

HERE'S THE RESTAURANT BILL! SEE TO IT, WILL YOU?
GULP!

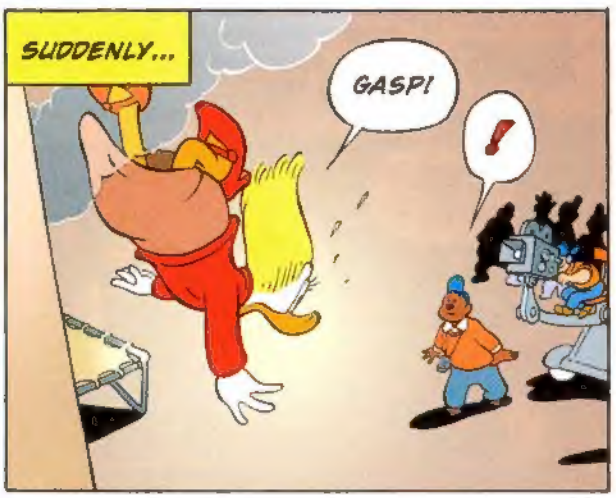

SO, LATER...
IS THIS WHERE YOU ARE FILMING?
THIS IS IT!

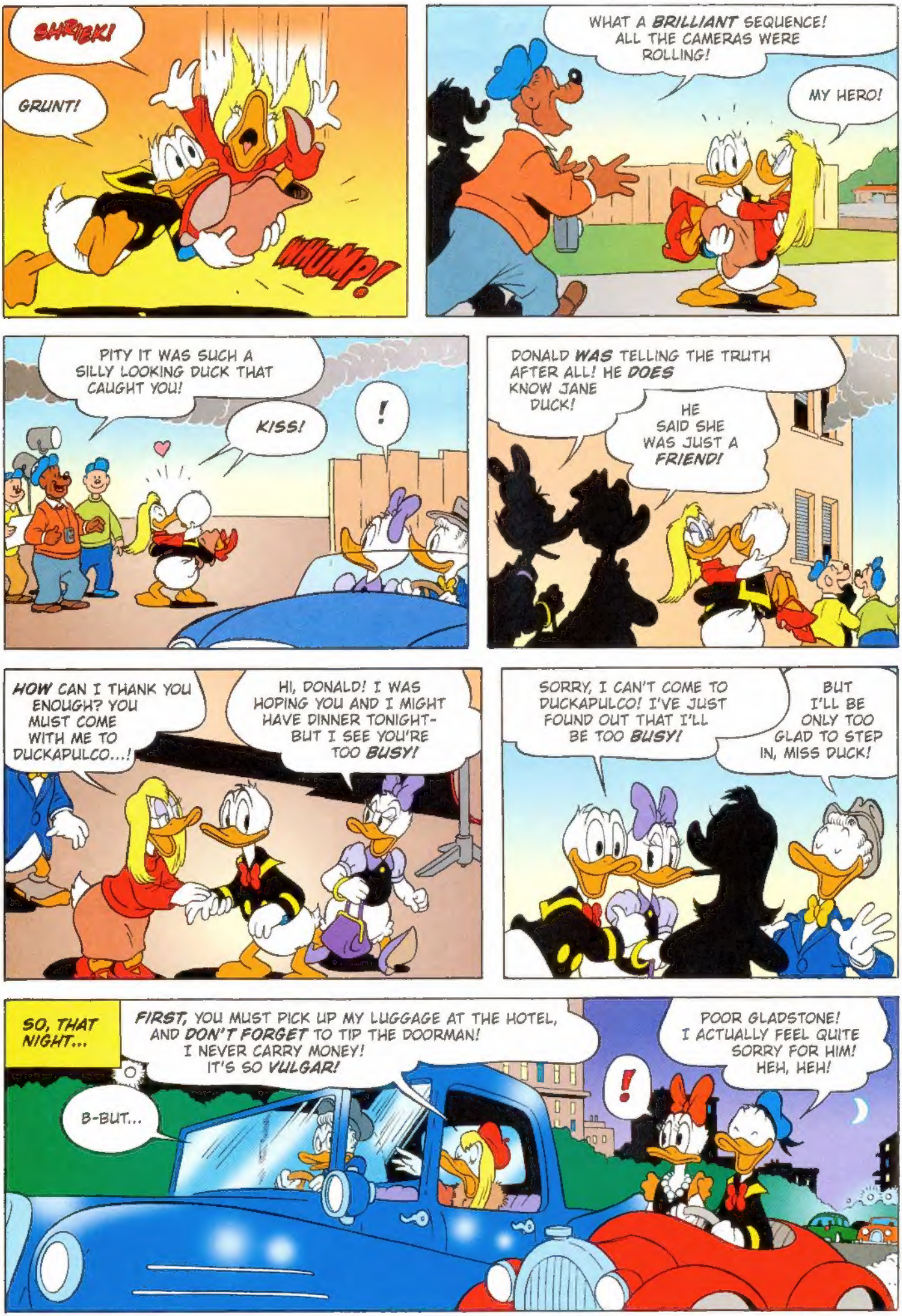
MISS DUCK! WE'RE ALL READY TO START!
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT AND I'LL DO IT!


WE'D LIKE A SHOT OF YOU WAVING FROM THAT WINDOW WITH THE SMOKE COMING OUT!


SECONDS LATER...
THIS WINDOW?
NO NOT THAT ONE!


SORRY? I DIDN'T HEAR THAT!
I SAID, NOT THAT WINDOW!


SUDDENLY...
GASP!


SHRIEK!
GRUNT!
WHUMP!
WHAT A BRILLIANT SEQUENCE! ALL THE CAMERAS WERE ROLLING!
MY HERO!
PITY IT WAS SUCH A SILLY LOOKING DUCK THAT CAUGHT YOU!
KISS!
!
DONALD WAS TELLING THE TRUTH AFTER ALL! HE DOES KNOW JANE DUCK!
HE SAID SHE WAS JUST A FRIEND!
HOW CAN I THANK YOU ENOUGH? YOU MUST COME WITH ME TO DUCKAPULCO...!
HI, DONALD! I WAS HOPING YOU AND I MIGHT HAVE DINNER TONIGHT- BUT I SEE YOU'RE TOO BUSY!
SORRY, I CAN'T COME TO DUCKAPULCO! I'VE JUST FOUND OUT THAT I'LL BE TOO BUSY!
BUT I'LL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO STEP IN, MISS DUCK!
SO, THAT NIGHT...
FIRST, YOU MUST PICK UP MY LUGGAGE AT THE HOTEL, AND DON'T FORGET TO TIP THE DOORMAN! I NEVER CARRY MONEY! IT'S SO VULGAR!
B-BUT...
!
POOR GLADSTONE! I ACTUALLY FEEL QUITE SORRY FOR HIM! HEH, HEH!

"[My satellite] also scrambles all other satellite signals, making them practically useless. So, *all* cellular phone calls will have to go through *my* new satellite!"—Scrooge McDuck, would-be telecommunications tyrant, from Gorm Transgaard and Vicar's "Duck in Orbit," in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 652. Gosh, Mr. McDee, what happened to all that stuff about making it "square"? Perhaps one too many annoying "second-hand" (or would that be "third-party"?) cell phone conversations while trying to watch a movie, enjoy a quiet dinner, or just attempting to relax on a homebound commuter train, pushed our favorite fantasticatillionaire over the edge! Oh no, wait... Scrooge doesn't do *any* of those things, so it must simply be ordinary avarice. Good thing Donald was on hand to inadvertently foil McDuck's wicked wireless warfare with a well-placed rocket to the satellite's... uh, "explosion causing thingie." (You know, the kind of doohickey that all types of scientific devices seem to have—or suddenly develop—at a story's climax!) Another masterpiece by Grandmaster Gorm and Virtuoso Vicar! Bravo!

As great as most Duck stories are, "wild and zany" are adjectives that are rarely applicable. However, John Lustig's "Almost a Hero" was exactly that. The hilarity was further enhanced by the unusually lively art of Carlos Mota. Pair them up again, please!

William Van Horn's unique style of lettering has become so much a part of the "Van Horn verve" that "Hot Shots" looked somehow... wrong without it. Even so, any story that ends on a massive volcano blast can't be all bad!

Ah, satellite explosions, bowling balls and rhinos routing a pompous parade, unexpected volcanic action, and ducks galore! Could anyone want more from a comic book?

—Joe Torcivia
via email

WDC&S 652 has to be the weakest entry in your run of the series. Never have I felt so ripped-off for paying $6.95 for a Disney comic book.

While William Van Horn was his usual self (finally, a new story!), the other Donald Duck stories were below mediocre. "Almost a Hero" would have probably benefited with better artwork, but both that and "Duck in Orbit" needed serious fine-tuning in their scripts.

But if "Almost a Hero" needed better artwork, any changes would probably have ranked the Horace Horsecollar story higher. Please, never print a story that makes Horace Horsecollar look like a mule again.

On a brighter note, by reading more stories with Paul Murry's art, it seems that I've just always hated the boring Mickey serials he illustrated. The Goofy story in *WDC&S* 652 was decent, as was the Chip 'n' Dale story in *Christmas Parade* 2.

That's all I can say for this issue. Let's hope that the months to come are better.

—Thad Komorowski
via email

Congrats to you fine folks at Gemstone for the superb comics you released in December (January cover date). *Donald Duck and Friends* 323, *Uncle Scrooge* 337, and *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 652 were loaded with great material from cover to cover, with a double-whammie from William Van Horn topping it off. Van Horn has become the master of the ironic twist as "Hot Shots" demonstrates. The boys want to frolic in the snow, while Donald wants to enjoy his book. After getting bored with doing "the same old stuff" (interesting coincidence that the title of Van Horn's other offering this month—in *US* 337—matches that phrase), the boys want to snowboard in the base of a supposedly dormant volcano, while Donald disapproves. After a comical escape from what turns out to be a very lively volcano, Donald is right and the boys are left wishing that they had brought a book. The real beauty of Van Horn is that he makes you feel like you're watching a classic Donald animated short every time you read his stories.

I liked the whole hero theme throughout the book, and John Lustig should write more stories. He utilizes understatement very well and throws a lot of humorous action into the mix. Round out the comic with Gorm Transgaard and Vicar thwarting Scrooge's attempt at ripping everyone off on their phone bills and a bunch of criminals getting thwarted by Horace, Goofy, and Mickey, and you've got a memorable issue.

One suggestion: please tell us the first American printing of stories that have already seen print in the U.S. You do it with Barks stories, but there have been stories that we've seen that haven't had a reference as to when they were first printed in the U.S.

—Mark Vancak
via email

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